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Second annual Clinton Community Fall Fest promotes town-gown relations

by Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

The Class of 2005 and Student Assembly sponsored the second annual Clinton Community Fall Fest on Sunday, October 26th. Held on downtown Clinton's Village Green, the event promoted the gathering of members of the Hamilton and Clinton communities. Great food, entertainment, and fall-themed activities and fundraisers attracted a number of Hamiltonians and Clinton residents alike.

Campus organizations that participated included: HAVOC, Amnesty International, Women's Field Hockey, Varsity Swimming and Diving, Alpha Delta Phi, Alpha Theta Chi, Gamma Xi, Phi Beta Chi, and Kappa Sigma Alpha. Hamilton bands Topsy Washington and The Diddlers, and acapella groups Tumbling After, Special K and the Buffers provided music on the exceptionally warm afternoon.

Clinton Mayor Bob Goering noted the pleasant temperatures, remarking: "It's a nice change because the weather's improved...and the food is good!"

Elizabeth Dolan, President of the Class of 2005, served as chair-person for the event, aided by the '05 Student Assembly Representatives, the Student Assembly, and the InterSociety Council.

"The Class of 2005 has really taken this opportunity to contribute to and make a difference in our community. With the help of the larger community here on the Hill and downtown, we have done great things in promoting positive town-gown relations. As members of the Student Assembly, we look to not only benefit our class, but our entire community here on the Hill and downtown," Dolan explained.

Elizabeth Conway, a 2005 Student Assembly representative, added: "I would have to say this year each representative [of the Class of 2005] was an integral part to putting Sunday'sevents together." Lisa Magnarelli, Director ofStudent Activities, supported and aided Fall Fest's coordinating committee; she said: "Liz Dolan and her committee were fantastic to work

PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

A local child paints a pumpkin at the second annual Clinton Community Fall Fest.

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Accessibility issues plague Hamilton

by Sarah M. Gould '05
FEATURES EDITOR

With the face of the Hamilton campus changing as a result of ongoing renovations and construction, several internal and external organizations are bringing attention to a looming problem. The issue at hand is that of gaining increased accessibility to the College for the mobility impaired. In a lecture given Monday by Danny McLain, Coordinator of Advocacy Services/ Barrier-free consultant for the Resource Center for Independent Living, and sponsored by the Kirkland Project and the Dean of Students, the issue of accessibility was discussed at length, highlighting the problems affecting the majority of structures on campus.

The discussion, led by McLain and his assistant, Ashley Westbrook '06, attempted to answer the question: "Is Hamilton College Accessible to Persons with Disabilities?" In initiating the discussion, McLain asked and answered his own question by stating simply, "The answer is no." His findings are derived from an accessibility audit he performed with the aid of Westbrook, an audit that was entirely financially sponsored by the Kirkland Project.

"During our survey of the campus, I found mistakes that were understandable. And then I ran into mistakes that were just stupid, to be very honest," McLain candidly stated.

An integral component of his audit included maneuvering the campus in his wheelchair, to which he has been bound for twenty years. McLain found numerous problems with accessibility throughout the campus, ranging from inaccessible parking lots to steep ramps and narrow doors.

The problems he found most troubling involved complete inaccessibility to many of Hamilton's academic buildings.

"Access isn't just about following the letter of the law or making some half-assed attempt... It's about thinking, about common sense," McLain said.

Such high-profile, high-traffic buildings that are currently inaccessible to the mobility impaired include Root Hall,

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Planned power outage leaves light side dark

by Kristy Hague '05
NEWS WRITER

Much of the north side of the Hamilton campus experienced a seven and a half hour power outage last Sunday, October 26, as a result of the continued construction on the new science center.

The science building needed to be tied to the transformer and relay switch on the north side of campus in order to allow further construction to progress. The new science center required heat and electricity in order to complete the interior wiring and more detailed labor. Currently, the building is tied to the electrical systems on the North side of campus; therefore, construction can proceed at the projected rate.

In order to tie the science center to the electrical grid, a full black out was needed because of dangerously high voltage. Workers from Oneida Electrical and the Plumbing and Electricity Shop at Hamilton College Physical Plant worked in manholes during wet conditions with 13.2 kilovolts of power. This potentially dangerous combination required a complete power outage on the north campus electrical grid.

Originally planned to last for fourteen hours, the outage took approximately eight hours. The power went out at 7:00 a.m. and came back on at about 1:30 p.m. Advanced work and organization by Oneida Electrical and Physical Plant along with a relatively rain free day accelerated the completion.

The power outage required a coordinated effort with the en

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Shambaugh evaluates state of China, makes comparison to Soviet Union

by Jon Kuhl '06
MANAGING EDITOR

Fresh from his last visit to China, Dr. David Shambaugh delivered the Edwin B. Lee Lecture in Asian studies on Thursday evening, October 30, in the Dwight Lounge. Entitled "China's Communist Party: Survival or Collapse?," Shambaugh discussed the current state of affairs in China and offered a highly developed comparison to the Soviet Union.

Introduced by visiting government professor Zhiqun Zhu, Shambaugh is a professor of political science and international affairs, and the director of The China Policy Program in the Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University. Among his many accomplishments, Shambaugh has written several articles and books, including "Is China Unstable?;" which is being used in Hamilton's "Politics of China" course.

Organized by the Dean of the Faculty's Office and the Department of Government, Shambaugh dedicated a significant amount of his talk on China to a comparison with the Soviet Union. Beginning with what he considers to be the current perception of China, Shambaugh mentioned China's increasing military power, economic strength, and international prestige. Saying that China's current ruling party is the longest and largest in history, Shambaugh explained that this has led to the current leadership's high sense

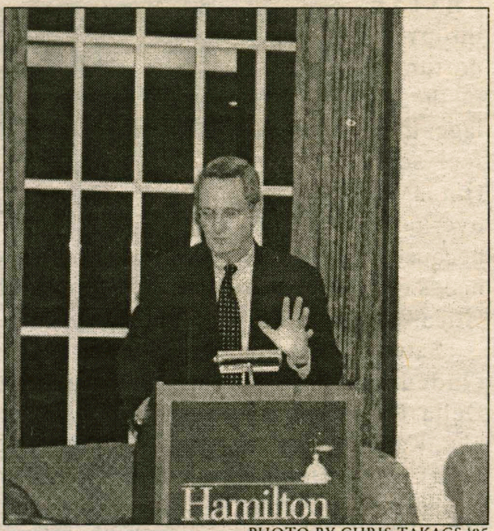

PHOTO BY CHRIS TAKACS '05

Dr. David Shambaugh lectured on the economic and political state of China.

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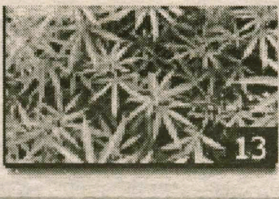

Upset City...

ISC volunteers work to change perception of Greek life at Hamilton

by Paxton Ramsdell '07
NEWS WRITER

The Inter-Society Council (ISC), the student run body composed of representatives from every sorority and fraternity on the Hamilton campus, spent some time in Clinton this past Saturday, undertaking a philanthropic, community service project.

The project, which was planned last spring by Celine Geiger '04, ISC Philanthropy Chair, and Lee Hyde, a member of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, was designed to help improve "town-gown" relations, as well as to get more Hamilton students involved in the town of Clinton.

With the help of the *Clinton Courier* and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Geiger was able to come up with a list of three Clinton residents who were in need of help with raking leaves and general fall yard work.

"I think it's important to reach out when possible to our neighbors in Clinton. There are a variety of philanthropy opportunities in the Village that I feel sometimes get overlooked because of the more pressing needs of poorer areas, such as Utica," Geiger said.

PHOTO BY AMANDA BESINGER '06
A group of ISC volunteers take a break to pose for a photo with their host.

Saturday's volunteers included members of Alpha Delta Phi, Kappa Sigma Alpha, Kappa Delta Omega, Phi Beta Chi, Psi Upsilon, Gamma Xi, and Delta Kappa Epsilon. The volunteers split up into three groups, each covering a different leaf covered yard.

The groups raked leaves, cleaned up front and back yards, and other small house hold chores. Geiger's group was treated to "cider and doughnuts, and [the homeowner] helped out with what she could."

"An activity as small as raking leaves and picking up a few porch chairs goes a long way when you help out someone who might not be able to get it done on their own. The weather was gorgeous, it was great exercise, and everyone who participated was excited to be there and had fun," Geiger said.

"We were more then happy to help- the cleanup was a great opportunity for us to get to know some of the older residents of Clinton who have very little contact with Hamilton students," said ISC volunteer Sarah Walsh '06.

The ISC Philanthropy Chair works to plan philanthropic events in Clinton at least once a semester. These events aim to help out members of the Clinton community and to improve the perception of Hamilton students, especially members of Greek Societies, who sometimes suffer from bad reputations, something that Geiger feels strongly about.

"I think it's especially important for the Greeks to be a presence downtown, as they are often associated negatively as being the ones who live downtown, go to the bars, and cause trouble, when, in reality, they are often the first to actively volunteer, which people tend to overlook."

The ISC hopes that new initiatives such as Saturday's lawn work will greatly improve the perception of students belonging to Greek societies.

"At least a few Clinton community members have now had a postive experience with [Greek] students," said Leigh Trucks '05, who participated in Saturday's event.

"Greek socieites have come a long way in poving to this campus, and the community in general, that we are about more than just Bundy parties," Geiger said.

Portions of this article were researched by Ian Mandel '06 and William Chenevert '05.

William W. Wright '71 lectures on public health

by Alexis Castrovinci '06
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

William W. Wright '71 came to campus to give a variety of lectures to the Hamilton Community on Monday, October 27. After graduating from Hamilton, Wright obtained a Ph.D. from SUNY Binghamton in 1979; he has been teaching at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University for twenty-two years. At the Bloomberg School, he lectures in the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Departments and does biomedical research in reproduction and fertility.

Wright spoke to Professor David Gapp's biology class at 9 a.m., gave a seminar for biology majors at 4 p.m. entitled "Sweetness of Life: the Role of Carbohydrates in Fertilization," and lectured at 7:30 p.m. on "The Challenges and Opportunities in Public Health."

Approximately thirty students attended Wright's evening lecture in the Chemistry Auditorium. He spent approximately one hour speaking about his research and the various opportunities available in public health.

PHOTO BY CAITLIN CUNNINGHAM '04
Approximately thirty students attended the lecture given by William W. Wright '71.

By presenting two case studies, one on the AIDS epidemic and one on the West Nile virus, Wright explained the different kinds of concerns associated with the profession.

"I want to impress upon you the urgent need for people in the Public Health profession," said Wright. "In medicine you treat an individual; in public health you treat a population. Whatever you do in the medical field, public health will be part of the world of medicine you are going to operate in."

Leslie North, Coordinator of Health Professions Advising added, "Public Health is a huge umbrella that encompasses many fascinating and valuable jobs, from the local offices of public health to the CDC and National Institute of Health."

The presentation concluded with a picture of the globe and the caption, "You are here: Your home needs your help."

After the lecture, students were given an opportunity to ask Wright questions about public health, his research, and their

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First annual John Rybash Memorial Lecture honors late psychology professor

by Guillermo Artiles '07
NEWS CONTRIBUTOR

William J. Hoyer, professor and Director of Graduate Training in Experimental Psychology at Syracuse University, led the first annual John Rybash Memorial Lecture on Wednesday, October 29, at 4:10 p.m. in the Science Auditorium.

Professor of psychology Douglas Weldon provided a warm and intimate introduction to Hamilton's newly instituted lecture series, which was instituted by the Psychology Department after the tragic death of Professor Rybash, who taught at Hamilton for nine years. Professor Rybash passed away after a long struggle with cancer in 1999.

The Psychology Department decided to honor Bill Hoyer as the memorial lecture series' first speaker. Rybash was both a colleague and friend to Hoyer, who spent time together "hunting mushrooms and sailing." Working together, they have published fourteen articles in accredited journals such as *Psychology and Aging, Journal of Gerontology* and *Memory and Cognition*.

Dr. Hoyer received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University and his doctorate from the University of West Virginia. His research in the field of psychology identifies and describes an array of learning tactics and mechanisms that compare the learning processes of middle-aged and older adults to younger adults. Through skilled tasks such as finding the famous "Where's Waldo," Hoyer screens their performances through memory and speed of acquiring information.

His comparisons of declining age versus advancing age have caught the eyes of many young students going into the field of psychology, such as Hamilton Professor Kara Bopp '96, who has an interesting link to both Hoyer and Rybash. Bopp did her senior research project with Rybash and went on to continue her graduate work with Hoyer in his Adult Cognition Lab at Syracuse University. From a personal perspective, Bopp found both Rybash and Hoyer to be "excellent mentors and extremely influential in her pursuit of cognitive learning and memory analysis."

Francis Patrick McGarry '07, who attended the lecture for his psychology class, was "incredibly pleased with Dr. Hoyer's presentation, which took a rather complicated subject and brought it down to a level for all with intriguing slides like 'Where's Waldo.'"

Weldon concluded the question session with a hope that the Hamilton community not only understood the subject matter presented by Hoyer, but also came to appreciate the efforts of Hamilton professors such as John Rybash, who spend their lives delving into the seemingly boundless field of psychology.

IVORY TOWERS

THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Nationwide tuition hikes highest ever, study says

(U-WIRE) UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. -- Tuition hikes nationwide have reached an all-time high due to economic factors and dwindling levels of state support, as reported in a recent survey from the College Board.

The annual survey indicated that tuition at four-year public universities across the nation increased by about 14 percent from last year.

Jennifer Topiel, spokeswoman for the College Board, said this is the largest increase the organization has seen since it began doing the study 27 years ago. The College Board is a national nonprofit organization focused on higher education.

The increase has the greatest effect on low-income families, Topiel said. One year of tuition and fees at a four-year public university now accounts for 70 percent of their yearly incomes, she said.

The survey reported an average increase in college tuition of $579 at four-year public institutions for the 2003-04 academic year. Tuition at Pennsylvania State University increased by $644 for upper division in-state students and by $504 for lower division in-state students with fewer than 60 credits.

Carly Friedman (senior-information sciences and technology) said the rising tuition rates have put an extra burden on her parents, who are also paying her sibling's tuition at law school.

"I can only imagine what kids might be feeling who don't have the privilege of having tuition paid for by their parents," Friedman said. "I wish they could be helped more."

Don Heller, associate professor of education, said rising tuition rates at Penn State are directly the result of cuts in the state appropriation.

Penn State has suffered from cuts in state funding totaling $50 million. In July, the state House of Representatives approved an appropriations bill reducing university funding by another 5 percent. The bill is not finalized because the state Senate and Gov. Ed Rendell have yet to consider the bill.

However, other factors play a role in tuition increases nationwide, Heller said.

"The reason why, in the long run, we've seen tuition increase faster than inflation is the lack of productivity growth in higher education," Heller said. "We haven't found ways to make higher education more productive like we have in other sectors of the economy."

Heller said costs would continue to escalate as long as colleges and universities rely heavily on being labor intensive, where faculty are used as opposed to technology. The university could be more productive by increasing the student to faculty ratio or using technology -- such as online classes -- to teach a larger number of students, he said.

"There are few opportunities to cut costs without affecting the quality of the instruction of students," Heller said. "What we've come to realize is that there needs to be a lot of interaction between the faculty and the student, and that tends to be very expensive."

Cheryl Fields, spokeswoman for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, of which Penn State is a member, said colleges and universities can cut costs internally, but cannot control the costs that drive their prices -- including health insurance, utility bills and food services.

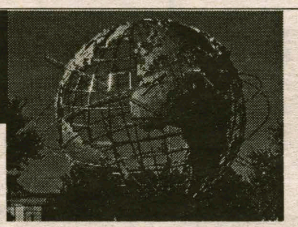
Fields said NASULGC has asked colleges and universities to explain the cause of tuition hikes.

"It's overwhelmingly that they are suffering declines in state appropriations, so they have to make it up by raising tuition," she said.

Penn State spokesman Tysen Kendig said tuition would continue to increase nationwide if states continue to reduce funding.

"The problem is no secret," Kendig said. "The question becomes finding ways to increase state support for public higher education, so that we don't need to turn to tuition as a last resort to maintain our educational quality."

WORLD NEWS



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UN Pulls Out of Iraq

Baghdad, Iraq (AP) -- The United Nations Thursday ordered its 60 remaining foreign staff members out of Iraq in the wake of Monday's suicide attack on the Red Cross headquarters in Baghdad.

The decision by Secretary General Kofi Annan is a serious blow to efforts by the Bush administration to share the burden of rebuilding occupied Iraq with the international community. Other aid agencies, including the International Committee of the Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders, have decided to pull out most of their international staff and scale back operations in Iraq.

Annan insisted Thursday that the UN will continue limited work in Iraq with local staff. "It's not our intention now to pull out totally," he told reporters in New York.

"We want to reassess our position and our posture and also try and assess the new developments on the ground," Annan said. "We seem to be entering a new phase with the attacks of the last 72 hours, and we need to analyze for ourselves what the future holds and how we should conduct our own operations."

The UN and other agencies ordered the evacuations despite pleas from Secretary of State Colin Powell to stay in Iraq. By precipitating the pullouts, Iraqi insurgents appear to be succeeding in at least one of their objectives: driving out anyone who cooperates with the United States.

The Bush administration had hoped to build momentum for international help in rebuilding Iraq after last week's donor conference in Madrid, at which European and Asian countries pledged several billion dollars in aid. Much of that money was expected to be channeled through the UN and other international aid agencies.

China, North Korea Agree to Discuss Nukes

BEIJING -- China and North Korea agreed "in principle" Thursday to convene a second round of six-nation talks on Pyongyang's nuclear program, further evidence of an increased diplomatic role for Beijing in the yearlong dispute.

The reports were welcomed by the United States, which said the "multiparty process" offered the best hope of getting North Korea to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

While couched in tentative language, the North's latest statement could be more binding because it was made publicly alongside China, its last major ally and one it would be reluctant to alienate.

No timeframe was given for future talks, and it was not immediately clear what the next step would be. The United States wants North Korea to shut down its nuclear program immediately.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun said Friday he expects the new talks to convene "soon," although he did not mention any date.

"This is a very positive progress, and I have confidence that the North Korean nuclear issue will eventually be resolved through multilateral dialogue," Roh said at a peace forum on South Korea's southern island of Jeju.

Word of the accord came after a meeting between Kim Jong Il, the North's reclusive leader, and Wu Bangguo, the most senior Chinese to visit North Korea since 2001.

Russia's Putin Names New Chief of Staff

MOSCOW (AP)-- President Vladimir Putin tightened his grip on the Kremlin on Thursday by relieving his chief of staff from duty, Russian news agencies reported, a move likely to deepen political and economic turmoil following the arrest of Russia's richest tycoon.

Putin named Dmitry Medvedev, the first deputy chief of staff and the chairman of the Russian natural gas giant Gazprom, to succeed Alexander Voloshin in the post. Medvedev is one of many figures in Putin's St. Petersburg circle who have been jockeying for influence with other groups in the Kremlin.

Rumors that Voloshin had resigned rattled Russian political and business circles for several days.
Voloshin, the last major figure in the Kremlin from the Boris Yeltsin era and a top Kremlin advocate of big business, reportedly offered his resignation to protest Saturday's arrest and jailing of Mikhail Khodorkovsky, the head of the Russian oil giant Yukos.

NATIONAL NEWS

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House Passes Iraq, Afghan Aid Package

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The House, putting aside questions about the mission in Iraq, gave strong endorsement early Friday to a $87.5 billion package to sustain U.S. military forces and rebuild the shattered nations of Iraq and Afghanistan.

"Congress stood with the president and our soldiers tonight, sending them the support they need to defend our nation and all those working to advance freedom abroad," said Rep. Roy Blunt, R-Mo.

The package, approved 298-121 shortly after midnight, includes nearly $65 billion for military personnel and operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, and an additional $18.6 billion for reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

The Senate is expected to follow suit quickly, sending President Bush a package that closely mirrors his original request.

House-Senate negotiators worked out the final details of the package Wednesday night, eliminating a Senate provision that would have required that half of the money for Iraqi reconstruction and security forces be given as loans instead of grants.

Democrats, while saying U.S. troops must be given full financial backing, used the debate to criticize the scope of the package and the lack of congressional controls over how it will be spent.

"We are going to held accountable for this vote for a long time," said Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., top Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. Constituents "are going to be asking us about the loans, they are going to be asking us whether or not there is adequate protection for taxpayer money."

The White House had threatened to veto the bill if loans were included. It said Iraq was already too deeply in debt and didn't have a government authorized to take on new loans. It also said that any loans secured by Iraq's oil revenues would only support the arguments of war critics who said the United States was after Iraq's oil.

Supporters of the loans said U.S. taxpayers are already paying plenty for Iraq and Iraqis should have a bigger stake in their country's reconstruction. The House Democratic leader, Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, said Thursday that dropping the loans shows a "tin ear to what the American people are saying."

The loans had bipartisan support. The Republican-led Senate had voted 51-47 to convert part of the rebuilding funds into loans. The House did not include loans in its package, but it supported the concept in a 277-139 nonbinding vote.

The package worked out by House and Senate conferees cannot be modified. Most of the money in the package is to support U.S. military operations and both chambers passed their versions of the bill overwhelmingly: 303-125 in the House and 87-12 in the Senate.

Halloween Still on for Fire Refugees

HESPERIA, Calif. (AP) -- Even the real-life horror of Southern California's wildfires didn't cancel Halloween, with parties planned Friday at shelters where hundreds of children were sleeping on cots.

Carol Lachey, a Hesperia schoolteacher serving as activities coordinator for 35 displaced children staying at Sultana High School, said the plan is for kids to have as normal an experience as they can in a traumatic time. "We have a lot of donations of toys and candy. And their parents need a break," she said.

In San Diego County, a Halloween party was planned at a park in the Scripps Ranch area, where entire blocks of homes were lost in a wildfire. The party was being organized by the San Diego Padres and Wal-Mart, which was donating Halloween costumes, candy, toys and refreshments.

The store chain wanted "to give the children an evening of fun and some time to just be a kid," said spokeswoman Wendy Sept.

On Thursday, Walt Disney characters such as Goofy, Minnie Mouse and Snow White handed out costumes, candy and hugs at an evacuation center in San Bernardino.

Youngster Harley Morrison was pleased, telling KCAL-TV that "it's cool" that children could get their minds off "the fire and stuff and their house because it could be burning down."

Dolan: Fall Fest has an "incredible showing"

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with....incredibly organized, motivated and conscientious. If someone were to ask me to give an example of a well planned event ; Fall Fest would be the perfect example."

Considering the excellent preparation for Fall Fest, the afternoon was enjoyable for all who attended. Dolan deemed the event successful.

"We are thrilled by the success of the second annual Clinton Community Fall Fest!" Dolan said. "The past year has been filled with 'community firsts.' Given the overwhelming attendance and the sheer success of Sunday, it is fulfilling to know that we are making strides in establishing a stronger sense of community. So much has improved since last November's pioneer event. With each additional community event, we are reaching levels of success which have surpassed any other in regards to town-gown relations."

Mayor Goering echoed Dolan's sentiments: "It's just great for community relations...especially since the village doesn't have to do very much!"

Nick Venero, a member of Kirkland's Town Council, agreed: "This is a nice melting pot, it puts us all together. It's always enjoyable to put the two lifestyles together...It's good to see the community interact."

Face painting, pumpkin decorating, and a small art exhibit were just a few of the activities that provided fun for children, Hamilton students, and adults. Patrons met and mingled outside and inside the large tent positioned in the middle of the Village Green.

"I could barely get in the tent, there were so many people!" Magnarelli said.

Meredith Harper-Bonham, Executive Assistant to the President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, said: "I was impressed by the creativity, organization and spirit of the occasion. My family and I enjoyed the a cappella performances, great food, interaction with students and neighbors, and activities. My two-year old son especially loved making an apple print painting."

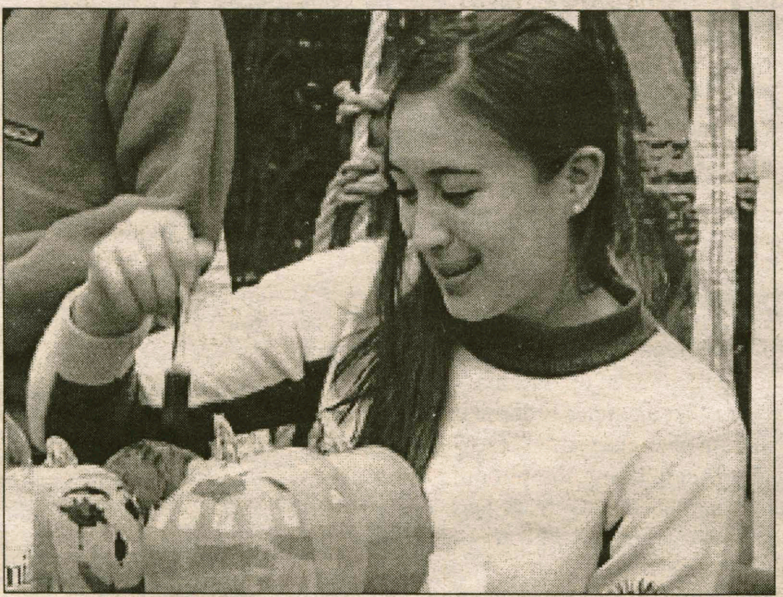


PHOTO BY NICK LUND '05

Sarah Gould '05 happily teaches local children how to paint Halloween pumpkins.

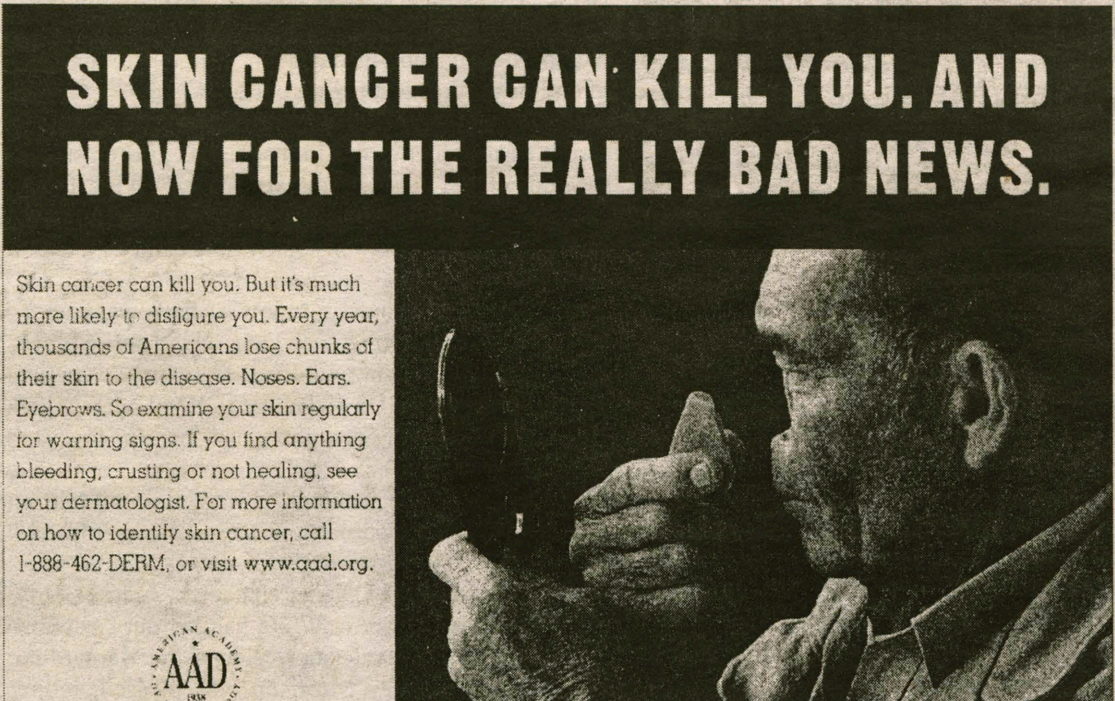
"The student involvement and attendance on Sunday was phenomenal. It was inspiring that so many groups and individuals from the Hill came down to support this community event,"Conway added.

Greer Mahoney, Class of 2005 Secretary/Treasurer said: "I was very happy with the turn out of people at the Fall Fest this year. Not only did many Hamilton students make it down the hill, but the Clinton Community supported the event as well. The interaction between students, professors, and townspeople was evident. The Fall Fest not only benefited the Class of 2005, but the entire campus and Clinton Community as well. Improving town-gown relations is an important issue our class wants to emphasize."

With the continued success of Fall Fest, Dolan is hopeful that the event will become a Hamilton tradition: "This year we had an incredible showing, greater student and village participation, and stronger publicity. I am confident that with every community event, we will receive an even larger attendance and an even more positive response...the possibilities to improve and expand this event are endless! Given the ongoing support from the College and the enthusiasm from the village, it is a privilege to assume that the Clinton Community Fall Fest will evolve into a Clinton community tradition."

Harper-Bonham agreed: "My hope is that this event becomes an annual fall tradition, lasting far beyond the Class of 2005's commencement."

SKIN CANCER CAN KILL YOU. AND NOW FOR THE REALLY BAD NEWS.



Skin cancer can kill you. But it's much more likely to disfigure you. Every year, thousands of Americans lose chunks of their skin to the disease. Noses. Ears. Eyebrows. So examine your skin regularly for warning signs. If you find anything bleeding, crusting or not healing, see your dermatologist. For more information on how to identify skin cancer, call 1-888-462-DERM, or visit www.aad.org.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

Power outage lasts over seven hours

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tire campus. "The black out had to be done in a planned fashion because so many systems were affected and we had to reduce the impact," said Steve Bellona, director of Physical Plant.

Despite efforts to minimize impact, all the buildings on the north side of campus lost power and the whole campus lost access to the college computer network, off-campus internet, and all college computer programs like web mail, Blackboard, and WebAdvisor.

To accommodate for all these unavailable services, the college made several arrangements. McEwen opened on Sunday and the diner was open for the entire day in order to compensate for the closure of Commons. Computer labs on the south side of campus were open the entire day and several people sent out emails advertising their availability. Originally, the college planned to close the library at 6:00 p.m. if the power had not returned, but the black out ended before students were forced to find other study areas.

Hamilton Physical Plant attempted to arrange for the black out to occur over fall break. However, the contractor was not ready for the electrical portion of construction, the preparatory measures were not completed, and the college needed to gain final approval for the project. "We decided to wait and make sure that all the measures would work before we attempted the dangerous and time intensive labor," observed Bellona.

"To tell you the truth, I thought the power outage would have a huge effect and that I would have to go off campus in order to get any work done, but by the time I woke up, the power was back," noted one junior student.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, another student remarked that "even though the blackout wasn't too long, it was just another thing to stress me out during midterms."

Most students regarded the outage as a nuisance, but nothing completely destructive to their academics.

Lecture outlines Chinese economic, political policy

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of legitimacy.

Although stating that China has been "in a state of decay internally for some time," Shambaugh claimed that China has extensively explored the reasons for the Soviet Union's collapse, in an attempt to benefit from history's relevant lessons.

Donna Klein '07, who attended the lecture, commented that Shambaugh "brought up issues that made a good strong comparison to the Soviet Union that I hadn't thought of before." Klein went on to say that Shambaugh's comments on China's continuing attempts to preserve a successful communist government were interesting. She thought his analogy about China trying different kinds of "medicine" to fix their problems was noteworthy, but that China, as Shambaugh said, was still "doomed for failure."

Dr. Shambaugh pointed out that China has made some positive changes in recent years, such as the age limits that are attached to high offices. Keeping people that are too old in positions of power was one of the Soviet Union's most detrimental problems, but one that China has learned from.

Although some progress has been made in China, there are certainly large-scale problems that remain to be addressed. Calling China an "environmental nightmare," Shambaugh said that not only was the current situation terrible, but it was growing worse. Shambaugh also pointed out that "violent crime is for China, [at] an all time high."

Perhaps most surprisingly, however, was Shambaugh's claim that 49,500 Chinese people have died in the workplace environments during the first nine months of 2003. Adding to this list of domestic problems, China still faces internal corruption and provides "no real social welfare system."

Attending the lecture because he thinks "globalization has made China increasingly relevant," Jon Rick '05 said that he benefited from Shambaugh's "presentation of a different viewpoint." Rick went on to say Shambaugh offered "a more sophisticated analysis than I would read in *Time*."

Ending on a positive note, Dr. Shambaugh explained that the right leadership was currently leading the world's fastest growing economy. During the question and answer period that followed, however, someone brought up the issue of Taiwan. On a certainly less positive sentiment, Shambaugh mentioned that by 2007, a deadline established by the Chinese government, China will have the military means to "bring Taiwan to its knees."

The Spooktator

The sex column was hard to ignore this week. It seemed to be discussed in every class, brought up in every conversation, and was even the subject of an administrative meeting. Whether you agree with the existence of the column, feel its contents are inappropriate, or can't get enough of it; the stir that "Come on Clinton" has created on campus is rare, too rare.

Growing up, we are often taught through examples in history that those who achieve great feats are often the people who push the envelope, pushing people out of their comfort zones. If there is one thing that the sex column does do, it's challenge people's beliefs and push people to question what's appropriate.

Whether you want to admit it or not, people do discuss sex. Sex is one of the most primitive ways humans interact. Making love allows people to express their love to each other, and talking about sex allows people to share, confide, and relate to one another.

With this rather obvious point in mind, why not add some new dimensions to the discussion. The sex column presents, in an entertaining genre, some of the biggest taboos in our society. In doing so, however, topics that are extremely relevant to college students are explored: safety, misogyny, sexual boundaries, health, self-respect, sexuality and stigmas. If sex is being discussed, why not add some direction to the conversation?

What's unfortunate about all the attention that the sex column is getting is that it doesn't happen enough. Too few people on this campus are willing to test the limits of our community, perhaps offending a few, but standing up for something that they believe in. Whether public opinion is right or not, take a stand, and don't be afraid to ruffle a few feathers; in the end you may find that more agree with you than disagree.

The people and events that we as a society hold up as the greatest parts of our history should not simply be studied in a textbook, but instead stand as examples to learn from. Indeed, the United States itself would not have come to exist were it not for a group of brave and progressive individuals who were willing to stand in opposition to the status quo. As a community, we should do more to encourage people to respectfully and appropriately rock the boat, challenging people to question themselves and their beliefs.

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Wright describes career options in public health

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own plans within the medical field. Several students spoke individually with Wright after his presentation.

The visit was sponsored by Health Professions Advising.

"I arranged for Professor Wright's visit because a career in public health is a good choice for many of our students," said Leslie North. "Students interested in medicine, public policy, and biomedical research can all find excellent career options in public health careers."

Wright has been coming back to speak at Hamilton for the last fifteen years. He has worked with eight Hamilton alumni in his program and helped them go on to careers in research and medicine.

"It is my way of giving back to Hamilton," said Wright. "If you graduate from here with good grades, you will do well... the quality of your education is more than sufficient."

At Hamilton, Wright was a biology major, but assured students that he was not the best biology major here. He was a member of the track and field team, commenting that being a collegiate athlete was the most effective thing to prepare him for his professional career. Wright's advice to Hamilton students was, "Do here what rings your bell. Work hard, be upfront and honest, and keep trying. Use your college years to understand who you are and what you value."

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Beinecke and Commons only two completely ADA compliant buildings on campus

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Benedict, Saunders Hall of Chemistry and the entire second level of Kirner-Johnson.

Thirteen years ago, the groundbreaking Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) legally passed, providing protection from discrimination for disabled individuals. Within the various titles and subcategories are explicit standards outlining the physical changes that need to be made in order for facilities to be deemed acceptable. For buildings such as Root Hall or the Chapel, these changes would require dramatic modifications to their facades. Elevators to the upper levels of these buildings, and the aforementioned ones, would require the attachment of external structures. The issues at stake are aesthetics and finances.

"Most things can be changed, some at little or no expense, some at greater expense," McLain commented.

Karen Leach, Vice President for Administration and Finance, echoes McLain's sentiments.

"It's very difficult to renovate historical buildings without spending a lot of money," Leach said.

As it presently stands, $750,000 is allocated to the College for what is labeled "campus renewal" projects. Major renovation and construction projects such as the new Science Building and the Psi U dormitory are financed through other means, and both will be completely ADA acceptable facilities; however, it is precisely the finance issue that is forcing delays in renovating historic buildings to meet the code.

"Most of the buildings require huge renovations to make them accessible... these are big issues, but it is hugely expensive," Leach stated.

Despite increased awareness of accessibility problems at Hamilton, there is no timeline or plan for improving the situation. Monies allotted to campus renewal projects such as maintenance and repairs are not enough to subsidize the necessary accessibility renovations. In addition to money, time is also a factor.

"One of the goals is to go back through and assess all of the accessibility issues. We're trying to do that now," said Steve Bellona, the director of Physical Plant.

Both Leach and Bellona "fully support" improving accessibility on campus, but decisions regarding spending money on such projects turn into difficult choices.

"I worked on ADA issues at Colgate, and I feel very strongly about it. I think the campus should be accessible, but it will take quite a bit of time," Leach said.

McLain's audit included placing campus buildings into three categories - Accessible and ADA compliant, Semi-accessible but not ADA compliant, and Inaccessible and not ADA compliant. Those buildings that fall into the last category include Rudd Health Center, Buttrick Hall, which contains the president's office, McEwen Dining Hall, List Arts Center, as well as a slew of others.

Semi-accessible buildings include Burke Library, the Field House, Christian Johnson, and Bristol. The only two buildings on campus that are entirely accessible and ADA-compliant are Beinecke and Commons. Dormitories are, for the most part, non-ADA compliant and completely inaccessible. Such buildings include Carnegie, DKE, Dunham, Kirkland, and Bundy East and West. None of the dormitories on the south side of campus are accessible. North Residence Hall was recently renovated to provide full access for the mobility impaired on the first floor, and Ferguson is accessible.

"A major part of what's lacking on campus is signage," McLain added.

Those dorms which are accessible or semi-accessible are not equipped with signs designating them as handicapped accessible.

Future renovations to Hamilton's facilities are in the beginning stages of planning, and many of the projects are long term. Kirner Johnson will undergo renovations and expansion and some dormitory renovations are being discussed.

"As we renovate facilities, the goal is to make them accessible," Bellona said.

PHOTO BY CHRIS FAZIO '06

Danny McLain assessed the the accessibility of Hamilton College buildings and led a discussion about the results on Tuesday, October 28.

In past years and at present, Bellona explained, access was and is provided to the mobility impaired, though not always in the traditional ways. Where ramps and other types of accessibility options are not available, other means of access are made possible. This might mean that classes scheduled to take place on the upper levels of inaccessible buildings are moved to accessible spaces.

"As we go into the renovation phase, we have to make sure we provide interior and exterior access for movement [for the mobility impaired]," Bellona added.

Despite the numerous issues regarding accessibility and mobility on campus, McLain is hopeful.

"Most of what Ashley and I found could be fixed," he said. "It's about caring, thinking, trying. It's about being compassionate."

Esther Kanipe, the Marjorie and Robert W. Ewen Professor of History, who introduced McLain at the start of the lecture, commented on the responsibilities of an academic, liberal arts institution: "We should be at the front, not the tail end, of these kinds of issues," she said.

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Insights and Ideas

Enjoying the Hill's finest season

by John Adams '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

Upon first moving to Clinton last January, nearly every day spent thereafter on this campus brings to mind a specific adage Dean Paris offered to me and all of the other 2003 January-admit students: "It's another upstate day..." he quipped in his welcoming speech, reflecting on the fresh snow the campus received just before our arrival.

His remark is easily misinterpreted to be one of the many sarcastic comments heard everywhere around campus in the six months of winter typical of this climate. In this context, however it has an entirely opposite connotation than one of complaint.

Firstly, an "upstate" day suggests that there in something unique to the majority (north of NYC) of our state. Anyone who protests that New York is just another northeastern state is overlooking the inherently original qualities of our state. Sure, we get more than a comfortable amount of snow and cold - a norm non-native "upstaters" are not accustomed to.

Focusing solely on the peculiarities of our winter months, however prolonged and depressing they may be, skips two dynamic seasons that Hamiltonians get a taste of. Okay, I agree; nature does not guarantee spring's blossoming in this region. Thus, we are left to dwell only upon autumn. In this area we are lucky to get a vibrant showing of colors and wildlife. If we lived in a milder climate, the fall months could pass with no noticeable change in the status quo other than the temperature slowly fading at the most subtle rate. The highlights of our autumn, however, are more than just the vivid foliage.

This period offers a time to get out without the sun beating down on you, before the cold freezes you in your tracks. Traditionally, in a farming community, the fall harvest is an active time to get out and get things done.

In this spirit, there is plenty to do at Hamilton, be it taking an afternoon bike ride, fly fishing on some of the majestic local streams (yes, there is great fishing), driving up to the Adirondacks for a day hike or an overnight, or visiting some smaller towns on the festival weekends which many of them hold. Try sampling some locally grown food at the farm market on route 233 (while you're at it, you might pick up a pumpkin, just to get in the spirit of things).

You aren't the outdoors type? Well, at the very least, you should go for a ride down Skyline Drive (just up College Hill Rd, take a left) on a clear day, as it follows the ridgeline and offers spectacular scenic views.

"But," you say, "with the weather becoming more unpredictable by the day, I don't want to devote my entire weekend to an outing, only to be rained out." Nobody said you have to make a whole weekend of it - before you reduce your whole day to a drawn out pre-gaming session, because you're convinced that "there's nothing to do in upstate New York," take a closer look at the seasonal opportunities around you.

Jitney Confessions

by Avery Schlicher '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

The Jitney has been fairly void of filthy behavior and drunken mishaps in the past few weeks, which has presented me with zero cannon fodder for this column. Apparently, the rising damage bills on campus are in direct correlation with the lagging interest in Jitney antics.

This is unacceptable. Go downtown and make merry, even if you only end up being "That Guy" passed out in the back seat, not to be discovered until the van is returned to Physical Plant.

Thankfully, a certain farmer-type party last Saturday night threw me a bone, and the Jitney became a mecca for all things stereotypically white trash (Is that PC? Ask me if I care either way.).

Underage game-kicking was quite the rage, and rightly so. The Dating Game took that refreshingly Alabama jailbait flavor Saturday night, and a few strapping athletes made the most of it. Freshmen girls aren't innocent enough for ya? You're in luck, you studs, we've just received a new shipment of high school girls!

The Jitney stop at ELS presented our driver with a herd of dashing men doing the obligatory wrestle for a seat. Thankfully, two hot little tickets made their way through the shuffle and onto the willing laps of said beefcakes. Dressed to the nines in braided pigtails and skank-tastic low-cut flannel, the giggling little fillies prompted the following dialogue:

Guy 1: "Hi"
Girl 1: "Hi"
Guy 1: "What year are you?"
Girl 1: "A senior"
Guy 1: "Really? Here?"
Girl 1: "No"
Girl 2: (giggles in a retarded vixen kind of way) "Whose leg is this?"
Guy 2: "Not mine, but I wish it was."
Girl 1: "In high school."
Guy 1: "Oh well, that's even better for me!"

Agreed. Why not, let's just say that's better for all of us! Ladies and gentlemen, the curve theory takes a sinister new turn down Illegal Lane.

Meanwhile, in shotgun, romance was in the air as usual. An underclassman male rested (half-passed out) peacefully in shotgun until the Jitney stop was reached. Post-party pheromones were apparently churning like whoa, as a seductive upperclassman female draped herself across the innocent bystander's lap in the passenger seat.

The sweet nothings she whispered into his ear were perhaps the bluntest statements of sexual intent one has ever encountered. Phone sex without the phone, if you will. Granted, tact is generally not an issue on the Jitney, and if you play your cards right, that stumble home might be accompanied by a spicy younger man.

The lowlight of the evening and perhaps the most brutal display of hick-ness possible was the arrival of two ladies with gourds they had retrieved from the party.

The idea to nick some party favor seems alluring at the time, but one cannot fathom the thought process behind this scheme. We aren't talking cute little happy decoration gourds; no, we're talking 40-pound Hell demon gourds.

The girls threw their tremendous prizes into the Jitney, followed shortly by their rather uncoordinated bodies. Once downtown, the girls held their gourds close to their bodies, hopped off and, staggering under the weight of the gourds, stalked into the bar. I bet the occupants loved the new decorations.

How can you say no to such devotion to a party theme? And HEY, maybe we could all do some drunken Halloween pumpkin carving in the bar... town-gown relations will never be better.

For a good time, email Allison at adavis or Bill at wcheneve (and write for Insights and Ideas).

Thumbs Up

- **Magic Shows.**
- **Birth Control.**
- **The real freshman 15: the ability to drink 15 Stones in one sitting.**
- **The Christian Fellowship washing my dirty undies, THE WHITES.**
- **HPEP's Stress Tip #12: When in the shower, masturbate. Lather, rinse, repeat if necesarry (avoid exfoliant cream).**
- **Whiskey Wednesdays are always fun.**
- **Keehn's Trust Treat haunted house. Kids – like Mario, these mushrooms will make you stronger.**

Thumbs Down

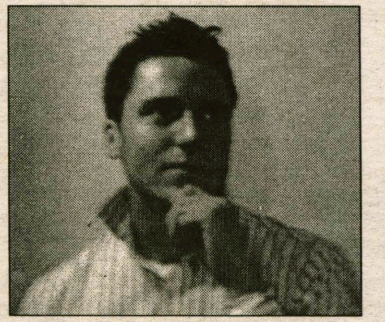
- **Catching the early flight home from San Diego.**
- **Seeing Deirdre every goddamn place you go except the goddamn Spec office.**
- **Last weekend's 4 AM Dunham fire alarm, sending more aftershocks than the kid who crapped himself in bed the weekend before.**
- **Having your hummer interrupted (See above).**
- **Away messages that resemble the following: *"Class till noon, Philo. paper outline with Becky (my BFF), meeting w/ gov. prof., Commons till six, @libs. 4 rest of my life. TTYL in Mac 104 if I'm still alive. OMG."***

by Matt Amoroso '05, Nakul Patel '05, Peyton Gray '05, Matt Colman '06

Who Cares?

- **Freshman who complain about the cold: sack up and put on a sweater... it's only October.**
- **Big Gulps, huh? Well, see ya later.**
- **The last four digits of your zip-code. Like, ya know, the ones that come after the hyphen thingy?**
- **Sober Sundays.**
- **Halloween costumes: as useful as a paper bag, but a little more creative.**
- **Academic Warnings.**
- **Dick Teresi = Dick Tracy en Espanol.**

Come on Clinton: what's your sexual fantasy?



by Phallixander Hamilton (Dan Fiore '04)

and Klitora Kirkland (Sarah Schwartz '04)

DISCLAMER: The purpose of Come on Clinton is to discuss sex and sex-related issues at Hamilton College in a light-hearted, non-judgmental, responsible manner. The goal of this column is to create a public dialogue regarding issues that are often discussed by and have an impact on the student body. Due to the liberal nature of the column, some may find the content inappropriate or offensive. Reader discretion is advised.

In walks Phallix, fully clothed - *no, I'm naked* - Fine! In walks Phallix, buck-naked. Klitora is lying on - *can you be up against a wall?* - Absolutely not, I'm lying down. So, Klitora is lying on Phallix's bed wearing librarian glasses and a sweater tied around her shoulders, but nothing else - *can you actually wrap that N'Sync towel around your waist?* - Fine, so Klitora is wearing the N'Sync towel, but the librarian glasses too, and Phallix walks in naked - *I wish you had a stethoscope or something. Will you take my blood pressure?* - Look, this is "library" not "doctor," and I was hoping you'd put on a do' rag. - *Only if you wear one. Could you be a boy?* - Well, not if you can't be straight. Why don't we compromise with a J.T. sandwich?

This is what happens when two people try to mix their sexual fantasies - chaos, until a compromise is found. No matter how strange our sexual fantasies are, we all have them. We may get flak for them, but being able to understand and express our fantasies helps us to understand what we want, and more importantly, what we don't want, with regards to sex. This leaves us with the question: what are our sexual fantasies, and how do we use them?

Female Fantasies

The issue of the female fantasy is so hot right now. Many of the women we spoke to on campus, including the highly controversial "Ms. Menegat" (as she is lovingly referred to by our '98 alumni fan club), all explained that being "thrown around" is, at times, highly erotic, and it can be a theme which is present in many fantasies. While the idea of being thrown around may seem sexist or even dangerous, women, just like men, should be allowed to assert their sexuality in a variety of manners.

A desire to be submissive certainly does not equate with an invitation for sexual assault. Acting out submission in a sexual fantasy with a trusted partner is very different from receiving unwanted sexual advances, which, disturbingly, occur far too frequently on this campus as it is.

Clearly, the issue of control versus submission during sex is a big one, and some might hope that women would resist certain media influences, instead choosing to seek control for themselves in the bedroom.

Phallix and Klitora agree that we should all individually look at what our sexual fantasies mean and decide if they are detrimental to our own self-worth or are in some way inherently sexist; however, we contend that outside judgment should be absent from a discussion of sexual fantasies.

So what if Phallix and Klitora want to make a thick, hearty Justin Timberlake sandwich? So what if we want to rub honey mustard all over his body and then wash it off in a public bath (old Roman style) with Gene Tobin?

Sexual fantasies have always been about issues of control - the age-old "doctor" game, as well as the student-teacher role-play game exemplify a sexual hierarchy that many of us find erotic, albeit controversial.

One example comes from a sexy junior female who describes being a "corseted southern belle in a plantation house." In the fantasy, the male is in control of this sultry Southern belle, as she desires him to "rip off my corset" (with Halloween this weekend, pick your costumes wisely).

The beautiful thing about sex fantasies is that they allow us to explore our sexuality in a safe way, and give us a chance to analyze our likes and dislikes without the danger present in a real sexual encounter.

Male Fantasies

In general, men are not shy about revealing their sexual fantasies to whoever will listen. The men that Phallix and Klitora talked to eagerly described what gets them going (and up): two girls, celebrities, friend's girlfriends, girls masturbating. One senior explained that he ran the "full gamut" in terms of masturbation fantasies, and many other men agreed.

Men also consider themselves to be "realists" in terms of masturbation - they stick to thinking about things that might actually happen, and reserve their "impossible" fantasies for a night with Jenna Jameson on the television screen.

Making Fantasies a Reality

Fantasies and masturbation are the safest ways to explore your sexuality. We all have sexual fantasies, and we shouldn't be ashamed of them. They are enlightening and empowering, so assert yourself, love yourself, and at times, do it yourself.

The first way to make these fantasies a reality is the very popular "Do it yourself" method. We are of course talking about the art of masturbation.

Many men that we have spoken to about this racy issue admit to masturbating on quite a regular basis - if not once a day, then four times a day. However, something that is unique to the male masturbation sequence seems to be a strict concentration on long and drawn-out fantasies.

To men, masturbation is not the simple physical act of achieving an orgasm, but one of intense creativity and imagination. There are costumes, role-play games, multiple partners, and oftentimes brief but suggestive conversation.

One senior male described his masturbation routine through the analogy of a baseball lineup: He goes through a series of women (an opener who is first at bat, usually a solid regular in masturbatory fantasies, and then moves onto several others throughout the act - this is when his mind goes wild, letting anyone from his kindergarten teacher to someone he saw just that day pop into his fantasy.

If these experiments fail, he always has a "pinch hitter," a good old standby, bound to keep him going. Finally, there is a "closer," the woman "last at bat" who will be present in his mind for the final thrust. This closer might be a "guilty pleasure" or someone he would not want to admit masturbating to or "one person who will always put you over the top, usually someone you've been with before."

Phallix was surprised and delighted to hear a straight male provide such an accurate description of the act of masturbation. Gay men and straight men seem to follow the same patterns of masturbation and fantasizing, but different men clearly focus on different subjects (you know, penises vs. vaginas).

Female masturbation is a different story altogether. First of all, many women are highly secretive about masturbation, saying, "um, it just doesn't interest me" or "well, I've done it once or twice but..." Are these women not masturbating or not talking about it?

If they're not masturbating, we suggest that you give it a rub...we mean, a try. Get down there with a mirror and do some exploring! The issue of female sexual pleasure is one that is wrongfully ignored on campus and in our society at large, so learning what makes you feel good, and then having the confidence to tell your sexual partners what that is is vital to creating gender equality in the realm of sex, and elsewhere in life.

According to women who admitted to dabbling in masturbation, there was no real consensus regarding what women think about while involved in the act.

One female explained, "Girls masturbate to masturbate" and "don't think about anything other than how good it feels." Women focus on the physical sensation of achieving an orgasm rather than devoting their brainpower to a specific sexual fantasy. Perhaps this is because men objectify their sexual partners (or people who they hope might be their sexual partners) more often than women do.

Also, male sexuality and masturbation are widely accepted by society, so men tend to indulge themselves in their fantasies for longer periods of time while women may be subconsciously censoring themselves.

On the other hand, one female junior that we spoke with said that she has long, drawn-out fantasies during masturbation and that many of her female friends do as well. Basically, our research on the subject of female masturbation was sadly incomplete, so get the hell in there, women, and get back to us! If you want two sexy sex columnists to do it for you... keep your heads up, you've got Phallix and Klitora behind you, sometimes under you.

Single of the Week:

"R.M." - a female Dark Side junior

COC: So why did you call in to Sexy Gasoline?
RM: To set the record straight on female masturbation.
COC: What is your signature move in the sack?
RM: The Reverse Cowgirl - when the girl straddles the guy facing his feet, squatting with her knees up.
COC: Sexy. What are your turn-ons?
RM: Tall guys, people that can make me laugh, one of my professors.
COC: Turn-offs?
RM: Left handed guys, and body hair.
COC: What do you think of the boys of Sexy Gasoline?
RM: Definite hotness.
COC: We like you already. So, what matters to you?
RM: Sex matters - my radio show. It's like Dr. Drew meets Dr. Ruth meets goodvibes.com. I get all my sexual frustration out by telling other people what to do. I have no qualms about telling other people what I like on the show.
COC: Do you think we're misogynistic?
RM: Hell no! I think everyone else is. If you can't talk about sex, what can you talk about? Sex does matter.
COC: So, Britney or Christi- we mean, Michael Jackson or Prince?
RM: Prince, cause he lets his ass hang out in public.
COC: Do you objectify men?
RM: Absolutely. I objectify men and women.
COC: Songs to do it to?
RM: "Lookin' out my back door" by Credence Clearwater Revival, and the Britney Spears remix of "I love rock and roll."

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Happy couples, or evil cuddle-mongering underclass?

by Blake Erb '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS COLUMNIST

There is an evil and cruel class of students on campus of which I have recently become aware. They poison their surroundings with their mere presence. They make others ill at ease and sick to the stomach. They are absolutely unaware of the damage they cause to the lives and minds of friends, family and strangers. Yes, you have guessed it. I am talking about the group of people known only as... the couples.

Before I begin, I should state that I have not recently endured a tumultuous or heart-wrenching break up. I have had my shares of ups and downs when it comes to the opposite sex, and I am a huge emo kid. However, I do love females and I feel that love is one of the greatest, hardest and most rewarding things to find and hold on to. That being said, I still hate couples.

For some reason, I feel that there has been a major increase in the amount of obvious couples on campus. Maybe it is just the heightened awareness I have received from the caffeine pills I've been popping like Mentos. Or perhaps it is my sixth... or even my seventh sense that is detecting this increase. This increase is the reason that I am not reserving my rant on couples for Valentine's Day. I cannot hold it in any longer.

One reason that couples grind at my nerves so much is the mindless, lemming-like way in which they walk with each other. Ever walk behind a couple that was holding hands? Not so bad. Ever walk behind a couple that was holding hands with a Superglue-like bond? Horrible.

I have witnessed couples that will go through amazing, circus-like acrobatics to go through doors, walk up stairs, and weave through crowds of people without releasing each other's hands. It's like as soon as you have a girlfriend or boyfriend, you instantly learn the art of body contortion. It's like how Neo learned Kung Fu in The Matrix, but the sad fact remains that couples are way lamer than Keanu Reeves. Harsh, I know.

Even worse are the couples that cannot accept just holding hands. They must have their arms intertwined and their hips locked together like Siamese twins. One cannot tell where one begins and the other ends. It's like one of those weird puzzles where you have to unfocus your eyes and slowly back away from the picture to get the hidden picture out of the fuzzy mess.

These couples suck because they are double trouble on the walkways. They will not hesitate to force people out of the way as they chat about how much they love each other and gaze longingly into each other's eyes.

I want to go up to one of them and just poke 'em in the eyes, Three Stooges style. I would be in little to no danger since they could not run after me very fast. God forbid they break the fragile bond of flesh that they have been trying to grow on their hips. Although, I must admit that these couples probably tear it up at three-legged races.

Another thing that makes couples inherently and, in their defense, unintentionally evil is the feeling of total awkwardness and being out of place which a couple can force on a single friend. I can personally testify to this, as I have been a master at playing the third or, in some cases, the fifth wheel.

Now, reality TV shows like The Fifth Wheel may make it out to be all fun and drama, but it is really just a craptastic, sucktabulous time for the unlucky outsider. One can be a friend with both members of the couple, but this feeling will still be present.

Every couple has little inside jokes, stories, idiosyncrasies, looks and songs that no one knows about but them. That's great, for them. As an outsider to these secrets, one will feel like they are in different country, where a different language is spoken.

My advice to other victims of this situation is just to space out. One can never compete for attention with one of the members of the couple. It's like a freshman guy trying to get into a frat party for free.

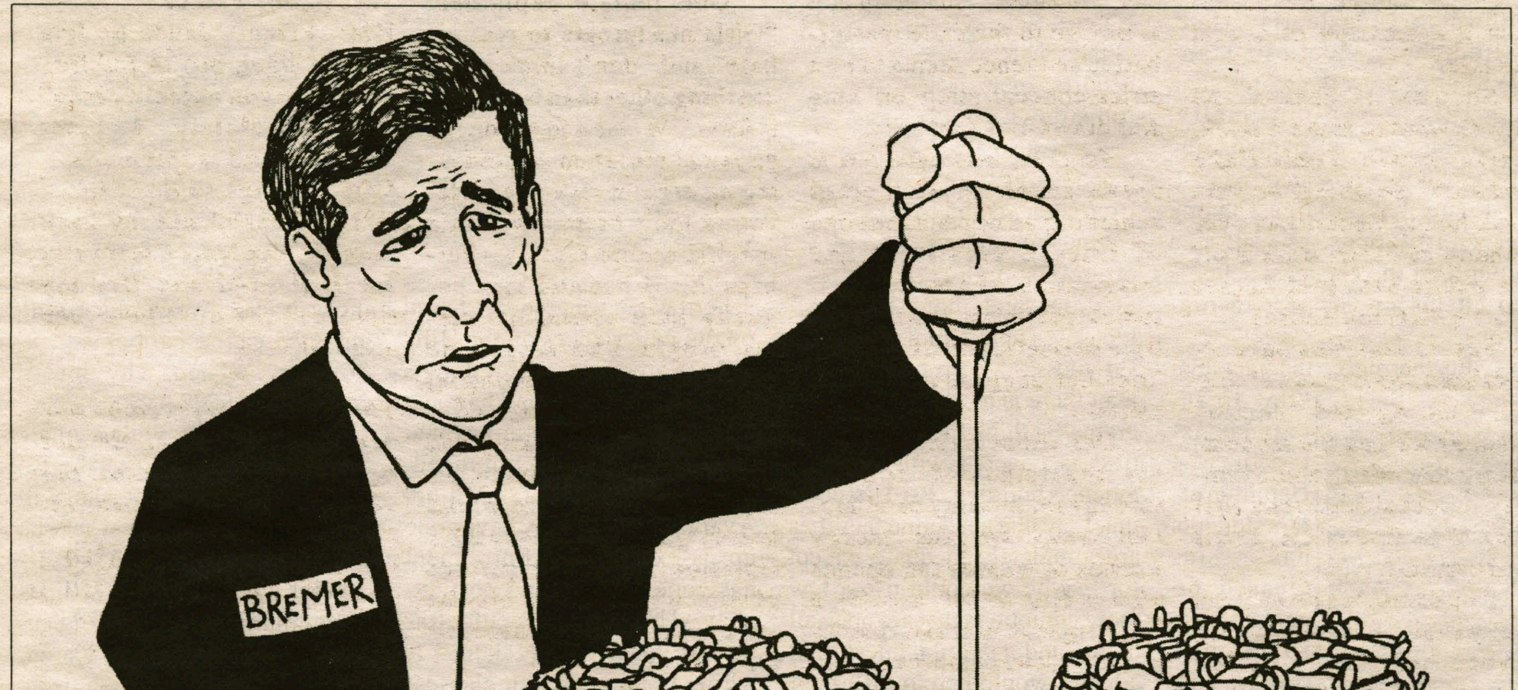
The only thing more terrifying than dealing with one couple is dealing with multiple couples at once. Now, if one is in a group of other single friends and couple-haters, than you have strength in numbers. Cling to these people like liberals cling to their George Bush jokes. Like the jokesters, it is all you have. However, if you are stranded in a sea of tender looks, cuddling and baby talk, I suggest you evacuate immediately.

One day, as I was contently studying in McEwen during the off-hours, also known as McEwen's open hours, I looked up in disbelief to see only eight other people in the dining hall. Then I did a quick double take and discovered that there were not eight other individuals in the hall, but rather, four couples infesting my tranquil, study time.

Each of these couples then decided to engage in all forms of couple behavior. Feeding each other, holding hands as they go to get food, loving looks, cuddling, etc. Needless to say, a pile of hair was growing on my table, as I was inflicting pain on myself in an attempt to try and distract myself from this terror surrounding me.

Eventually, I cracked under the pressure, threw my books in my bag and stalked out of the once-peaceful dining hall. I think if I tried to endure a minute more of said torture, I would have probably turned into the Hulk and played baseball with the tables and chairs.

Couples are not intentionally evil or conscious of the maddening effect they have on others. However, I will continue to hate the concept of the "couple." I will probably hate myself when I enter said state of being. So, if you are receiving ugly stares and evil glares from people you don't know, it is probably not for you. It is for the couple of which you are just a part.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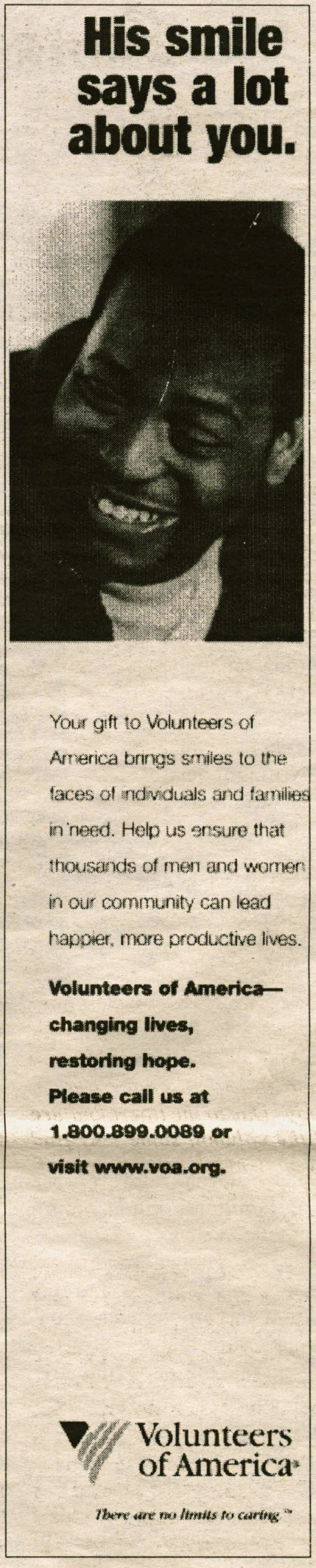
Drawing Criticism: by Tom Booth '06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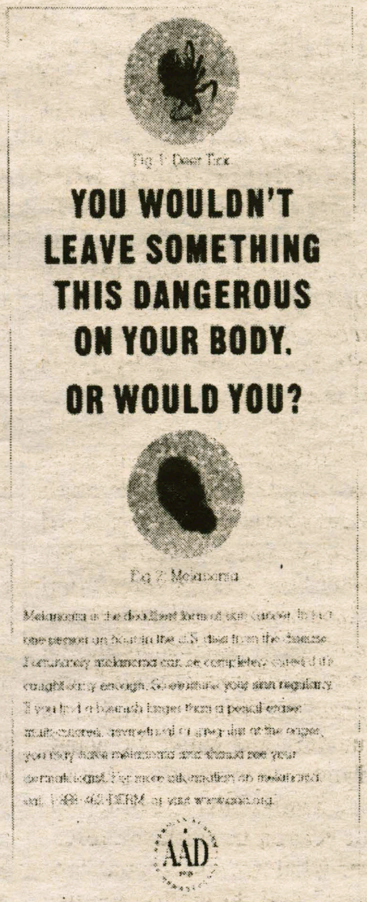
Fig 1: Deer Tick

YOU WOULDN'T LEAVE SOMETHING THIS DANGEROUS ON YOUR BODY.

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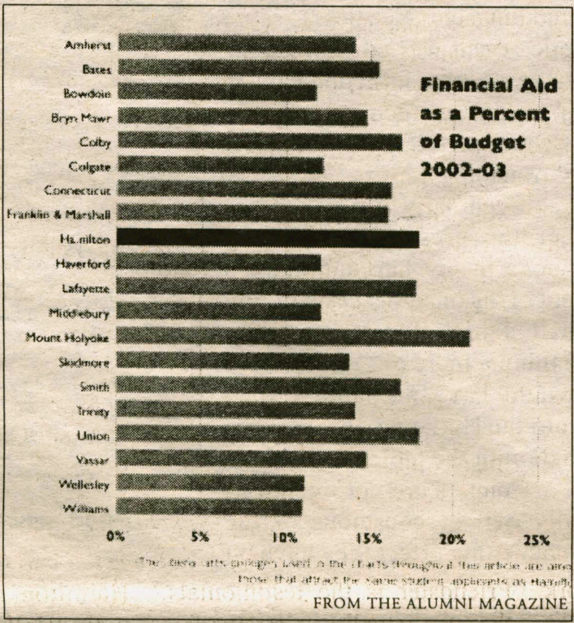
Fig 2: Melanoma

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY

How hard is the Administration really trying to keep tuition down?

by Bill Chenevert '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

I'm not an Economics major; in fact I'm far from it. I'm bad with numbers, bad with my own money and finances, and do not truly understand the budgetary constraints and concerns that Hamilton wrestles with. I have, however, thought a lot about why Hamilton's tuition goes up every year, I have covered past tuition increases with an interview of Karen Leach, Vice President of Administration and Finance, and I have personally debated the worth of a Hamilton education (now running at $37,360 for the 2003-04 year). I'm writing about an article in the *Alumni Review* called "The Making of Hamilton's Budget." I'm also writing as a student whose family makes many sacrifices for me to be here, because, on paper, we can afford every penny of Hamilton's tuition, room and board. We can't.



FROM THE ALUMNI MAGAZINE

I'm going to address several phrases, graphs, and quotes from the article, and, want to make sure that the effort that went into this particular article, or the writer Vige Barrie, are not insulted. Also, Mrs. Leach should not feel like I'm personally attacking her efforts, as she was a wonderful woman to interview about the tuition hike last spring. At the end of the article she says, "I grab every possible opportunity to talk about the budget." I'm sure most of the complaints about budgets and tuition end up on her desk; so, I guess I'll add one to the pile.

First, there's a chart labeled "Financial Aid as a Percent of Budget 2002-03." The explanation behind it is as follows: "Hamilton forgoes almost a third of its yearly tuition income to financial aid, which represents 17 percent of the College's annual budget. This amount is higher than the average among peer liberal arts colleges." OK, so, first, regarding the chart, the scale appears to emphasize that we are exceeding many peer institutions. However, let's not fool ourselves here, Bates, Colby, Connecticut, Franklin & Marshall, Lafayette, Skidmore, and Union are at just about the same level. Other institutions appear to be dramatically less generous by being nearly a full inch shorter than our bar, but Bowdoin, Colgate, Haverford, Middlebury, Wellesley and Williams are all greater than 11-12%. Additionally, Wellesley and Williams are the two schools whose endowment, in Figure 4, is the largest among peer institutions, as well as a couple of the cheapest schools to attend among peer institutions.

Furthermore, the fact that "the financial assistance Hamilton offers students has increased 66 percent from $9.28 million to $15.37 million over the last 10 years" does not impress me. I should hope that our financial aid is going up as our tuition skyrockets, especially as our college is preaching diversity. I don't want to state the obvious, but, if you're only admitting students who can pay, you won't have yourself a very diverse community.

Hamilton Then and Now

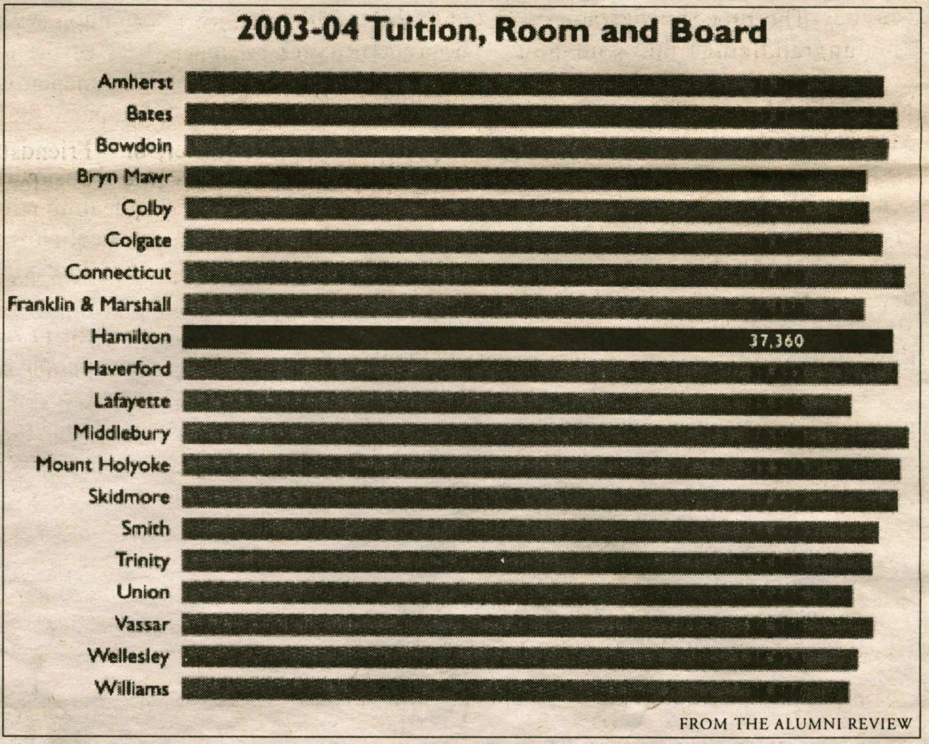
	1983-84	2003-04
Courses Offered	574	697
Majors Available	33	42
Faculty	140	190
# of Student Applicants	2,863	4,405
Enrollment	1,583	1,750
Student-Faculty Ratio	11:1	9:1
College-Owned Computers	About 50	1,400
Campus Buildings, gross square feet	1.3 million	1.7 million (includes science building under construction)
# of Volumes in Library	388,955	588,258
# of Electronic Journal Titles	0	13,000
# of Scholarships, Fellowships and Prizes	200	452
College-funded summer student research stipends	Fewer than 5	70

FIGURE 2

FROM THE ALUMNI REVIEW

The next paragraph begins with a scary "Upward trends in financial aid spending *most likely* [my italics] will continue at Hamilton, an indication of ongoing efforts to attract the most qualified and diverse student body in an increasingly competitive market." I think Admissions and Financial Aid are kidding themselves if 'upward trends in financial aid spending' do not continue if they are truly dedicated to attracting a diverse student body. In the same paragraph, *U.S. News and World Report* rankings are mentioned, which also scares me. They are mentioned in relation to the idea that "More money for scholarships means less for other areas, such as academic programming and student services." Right, and so, without McEwen, inconvenient Diner hours, and poor parking, I ask, what is this 'academic programming' and how truly important is it? Are students going to these programs? Do we value this programming?

I have been continually frustrated with what appears to be the lip service that keeping tuition down is of the utmost importance. Karen Leach says, "First, there is a need to keep tuition down, but there is also tremendous pressure from students and parents for more programs, more facilities and more services." Please! There's more pressure, I'd guess, to keep tuition down than there is to offer 'more programs.' I think the 'more facilities' is covered with our new Science building, Psi U's coming, I say that academic facilities are completely adequate, except for maybe we could use a few more computers that are open all night, and I would guess that athletes would beg to differ but I'm satisfied with the athletic center, field house, and intramural programs as well.



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Next on my list of things to pick apart is a paragraph that says: "Hamilton has, through careful planning and management, remained in the black since World War II; however, a balanced budget cannot be taken for granted. Some colleges have gone into the red when faced with financial pressures." OK, kudos for keeping our budget balanced, but doesn't that mean that our endowment is actually in decent shape? Ignore this point if I'm wrong but I really don't understand why if our budget is in such good shape, so balanced, we can't figure out a way to keep tuition at least level.

Also, there's a quote that reads, "The people most closely involved in the budgeting process are the president and vice president for academic affairs, along with four members of the on-campus budget committee. This committee provides strategic advice to balance the budget, which is then passed to the vice presidents, who determine specific budget cuts in their areas and establish the end result." I would hope that students have some say in the way the budget is composed. How can vice presidents gage the importance of 'programs', 'services', and 'facilities' without knowing how students feel about them? Are we not the people whose parents pay the tuition? Are we not the students who donate and give gifts back to the school when we graduate based on our experiences on the Hill?

OK, couple more things, Figure 2, "Hamilton Then and Now." It compares things that really can't be compared. Courses Offered and Majors Available, while they have gone up, is expected as Enrollment has gone up about proportionately. The Student-Faculty Ratio has gone from 11:1 to 9:1, while I enjoy small classes; sometimes I wonder if our sky-high tuition is because we have so many faculty. College-Owned Computers and # of Electronic Journal Titles, while I understand are indications of expenses that have come about in the past twenty years, ummm, obviously we had a lot fewer computers and electronic journals twenty years ago. The last one that I laugh at, is, Campus Buildings in gross square feet. In 1983-84, 1.3 million, in 2003-04, 1.7 million "(includes science building under construction)"! Ha! So while tuition has steadily increased over the past twenty years, we've gotten Beinecke? Is that it? Right on. When is this ELS/Student Center thing going to happen for us that we keep hearing about?

Last but not least, the tuition comparison. I like how the bars are all really long and you have to squint and read every tuition-figure to figure out the order: 1. Middlebury 2. Connecticut (what?!) 3. Mount Holyoke (M.H. far exceeds its 'peer institutions' in Financial Aid in Figure 1) 4. Skidmore 5. Haverford 6. Bates 7. **Hamilton** 8. Bowdoin 9. Amherst 10. Colgate. Then comes, in order: Smith, Vassar, Trinity, Colby, Bryn Mawr, Franklin & Marshall, Wellesley, Union, Lafayette, and Williams. Good God! F.Y.I, Yale's tuition, room, and board is $37,000, Harvard's is $34,934, and Princeton's is $36,649, according to their respective websites. Hamilton's tuition, room and board is higher than all three of those Ivies. Are we receiving an Ivy League caliber education here? Then, why does it cost so much???

I'll conclude with a quote that reads: "Looking to the future, Leach said that she will continue her work on what she calls "financial transparency: - in other words keeping the lines of communication open." I beg, encourage, and ask you, Karen, to communicate with the students about what we think is important and what we do not think is important. Faculty members certainly have a say in the direction the school is being taken in, what programs we offer, the 'strategic plan' and all that good stuff. But they're not the ones paying tuition; their families aren't struggling to pay those bills when they come in the mail. It was different when they went to college. Please mean what you say about the first priority being "a need to keep tuition down."

Is Friendster.com the newest internet craze?

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

The cover of this month's *Spin* magazine has an interesting headline - "Friendster: More addictive than crack?" (*Spin*, November, 2003). For those of you in a technological black hole, Friendster is an on-line network of "friends" which works much like those annoying cliques in middle school: you are "invited" onto Friendster by someone who is already registered on the website. If you accept their invitation, you are then linked to their network of friends, and you are allowed to invite your own friends in. Friends in your network can post "testimonials" for you - typically short paragraphs about how wonderful you are, and why other people would want you to be their friend. And, if you don't like what they've written, you can reject it. You can even post up to five photographs of yourself to entice people on Friendster to log you in as their friend.

The process is rather self-aggrandizing, but somehow, strangely addicting. At 2am when you're in the middle of pulling an all-nighter, what better way to procrastinate than to log onto Friendster and see how many friends you have and all the nice things they've said about you and who else you can invite into your network of friends to make you seem more popular?

The average Hamiltonian polled said they log about 2 hours on Friendster weekly. Cristina DeLuca '04 admits, "When I first started using Friendster, it was highly addictive, but I think I'm over it now. I'll check it once in a while but it's no longer the first thing I do when I go online." Bill Chenevert '05 claims that "Friendster is undeniably addictive. But, my interest in Friendster is waning as it becomes less and less of a novelty to me."

Hamilton students report being invited onto Friendster by friends from Hamilton, friends from high school, ex-boyfriends, summer camp friends, co-workers, and a slew of others. According to the *Spin* article by John Sellers, there are roughly 1.6 users on the site, which was only started in March of this year. Lissa Palermo '04 considers Friendster.com a bit of a popularity contest. "You feel cool when you're on it, but if you don't have a scanner, you can't put a picture up, so no one will want to hook up with you." While Jen Kostka '04 was impressed by one Friendster's massive list of friends, Bill Chenevert '05, argues, "I usually take someone's number of friends or testimonials as an indication of how long they've been on Friendster, or even, how much of a loser this person is because all they do is add friends and testimonials." Allison Davis '06 knows "a few people who make it a goal to have their friendster network reach the triple digits."

WWW.FRIENDSTER.COM

The worst part about Friendster is when people invite others who aren't really "friends" in order to pad their network. "I don't like when people invite you to be their friend when you really aren't friends (as in, you never talk to them. EVER)," says member Ashley Jaffee-Annacharico '04. Allison explains: "Some kid from the University of Kentucky randomly sent me a message asking to be my Friendster... I'd never met him or heard of him, but I accepted because it's sort of a faux pas not to. Still, it was a little strange." Another downside, according to Jen, is that "There is no way of directly contacting the people in your networks. While this prevents stalkers, it's kind of weird not having direct contact with someone...maybe the service would be improved if it had a chat function like AIM or like Napster had so that when you are on Friendster you can have your own screenname (separate from AIM) and people could contact you there."

One of the defining elements of Friendster is the fact that it is a connection between people who know each other. Or people who know people who know people who know each other. Think of it as "Six Degrees of Separation." In this sense, many Friendsters consider the network a safer approach to meeting people over the Internet than, say, American On-Line chat rooms or Instant Messenger. "I think Friendster is safer because, somewhere along the line, you know someone knows the person contacting you directly or indirectly," says Lissa. Cristina agrees, "I've met people who went to my high school who I've never spoken to. Friendster also put me back in contact with people who I fell out of contact with by circumstance rather than by choice." Jen was also able to establish connections with Hamilton graduates she had lost touch with. She likes the fact that, "If you want, you ARE able to get valid, reliable feedback on who the person is before you meet him or her. In an online chat room, you never know who the crazy is that you're dealing with."

Testimonials are also clutch to Friendsters. Testimonials can range from personal commentary ("she's got more energy and enthusiasm than just about anyone I know, she always remembers my birthday, and she writes these amazingly silly and smart 20 page letters in the cutest, bubbliest handwriting") to broader character statements ("being friends with her is like watching a tornado of social activity, never stopping for a minute"). For Cristina DeLuca '04, testimonials are "me trying to make my friends feel special, rather than a dating plug for random Internet surfers."

Ashley Jaffee-Annacharico '04 says, "I usually try to make them funny." For Bill, testimonials can bring a little ray of sunshine to an otherwise ordinary day: "My favorite part of Friendster is the testimonials, they can actually make your day, and the way that it can really create conversation for people you wouldn't normally talk to all that much once they're your Friendster friend." Mark Castro '05 agrees that Friendster can be a "good opportunity to tell your friends how awesome they are" and Kate Mayhew '05 exclaims, "I damn near piss my pants with excitement when I get one of those emails announcing that one of my friends has written me a testimonial."

Also, through profiles, members can list favorite movies, books, television shows, interests, locations, etc. These lists then turn into hyperlinks, so that a member can click on *Catcher In the Rye* and see how many other Friendster users share this love of all things Holden Caufield (10,451). Cristina was able to find "six other people on Friendster who like the band Splashdown which broke up about a year ago. You can't find their CDs anywhere. With any luck, one of them can point me in the right direction." Ashley Jaffee-Annacharico '04, thinks the most interesting part of her profile is her "eclectic music taste." Bill Chenevert likes his "sophisticated" choice in literature. Whit Rothe '05, filmmaker, has met a network of fellow indie filmmakers throught Friendster. "I like the pictures I put up on my profile," says Whit. "Still frames from the films I have done. Pretty sweet!

There are rumors that Friendster will eventually charge a fee for its services - something considered a major deterrent for even the biggest Friendster fans. When asked whether they would log onto Friendster if they had to pay, Hamilton students responded with, "Hell, no!" "I'm supposed to pay to procrastinate?" "Definitely not!"

In response to the *Spin* suggestion that Friendster is the new crack, Kate Mayhew likens Friendster more to caffeine: "It's low-maintenance, deceptively and gradually addictive, and it can keep you awake nights" and Bill suggests, "Hamilton people get with the program and get on Friendster ASAP."

Check it out the madness at: www.friendster.com

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How to make Parents Weekend a little more interesting

by Tracy Glass '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

Family weekend begins on November 7th and the college has scheduled a weekend packed with activities. As almost forty events are listed in the brochure, there is little need to venture off campus. At some point, however, many students plan to catch up with their family away from the Hill. The Spec investigates.

Taylor Janes '06 says, "I think just my mother is coming up, so we'll probably go downtown for a bit and eventually wind up at the Cider Mill for donuts and cider." The Cider Mill, located downtown on Elm Street, is always a popular destination in the fall. An old-fashioned working cider mill churns out cider, and donuts roll out on a conveyor belt behind the register. A busy Parent's Weekend ensures you'll see your donut dunked and powdered. We challenge the Krispy Cremes they had on the way up.

Sean Tice '04 plans on going to "Clinton Pottery. My mother has always had a personal affinity for pottery and I think she'd enjoy it." The Adirondack Coffee Company has helped to popularize Clinton Pottery by using their coffee mugs. The hand glazed red-clay mugs have a signature "Clinton" scribbled on the bottom. They make a great gift.

Fred Bernabe '07, plans on shopping, "I'm hoping to go to the mall or Target," he says, "to pick up materials for my room, stock up on food, or maybe get some clothes." Many students will allow their supplies to dwindle these last weeks in hopes that their parents will stock them with more bottled water and popcorn. Target is a phenomenon in itself, and may be an arguable option when parents want to attend "Career Planning for Parents of Non-Seniors." There's less stress after a session at Target.

Mike Evans '05 plans attending most Family Weekend activities. At night, however, he's "taking them downtown to the bars, assuring then that I never leave campus for a 'better off-campus social option'." Not a bad idea, I'm sure they're will be a few brave parents at the bar. I coaxed my parents through the doors of the Village Tavern on my 21st, and they never complained...to me.

Lauren Goldenberg '06 agreed that her parents might be looking for something to do at night, "I've suggested the Turning Stone to them, I think they'd enjoy it." The Turning Stone is a forty minute drive from campus on an Indian Reservation. The floor of the casino is dry, but Lauren adds, "they have pretty decent Chinese and Italian restaurants, so it's worth a trip regardless of whether your parents are here."

Jessalyn Geller '04 plans on "taking my parents apple picking. It's just a great Upstate New York activity, and it brings you away from all the hustle and bustle of parents weekend. There's one out by the throughway that I want to try." The apples here are in abundance due to the rainy summer, and the foliage is slow to fall this November, making apple picking ideal.

Graham Brodock '05, says he's going to enjoy the height of autumn with his family by "taking a walk in the Glen with them." The Glen is always beautiful, no matter what time of year it is. The shaled paths and waterways make the Glen a peaceful retreat.

Others suggested golfing, mini golfing, the Saranac Brewery, Bremer's, and the Bookstore. Whatever you plan to do with them, make sure above all, you have fun and catch up. Hamilton has planned a great weekend, and looks forward to the arrival of your family.

Gourmet cooking classes are a hit in Clinton

by Justin Ginsberg '04
FEATURES CONTRIBUTOR

One cup of sugar. Two tablespoons of salt. Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Enjoy!

It's the Food Network - in Central New York. Well, maybe without Emeril, but we don't like him anyway. Chef Art will give you all the "bam" you need at the culinary institute at the O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Inn. Yes, elegant cooking classes right here in the heart of Clinton!

I enrolled in the 4-session class not knowing what I was getting myself into. My only other cooking instruction has been watching Ron Popeil sell me a food dehydrator, a chicken rotisserie oven, and a pasta machine. Ron makes everything in the kitchen look so easy - how hard can cooking really be? You chop this, dice that, preheat oven and you're done.

The chefs at the O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Inn don't fool around. We're not talking about preparing peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Try learning hands-on how to prepare wonton soup, couscous, spring rolls, and dinner pastries.

Each three-hour long, multi-course class has a theme. A Mediterranean-themed night, Asian night, and a wine and cheese night are just a sampling of the classes offered.

"It's classy and loads of fun," says fellow classmate Paul Wrege, a Plant Protection and Quarantine Officer from Clinton. Paul's wife enrolled him in the cooking class as a birthday present. "Chef Art's explanations and techniques will unquestionably be brought home into my kitchen."

Patrick O'Connor, President of O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Inn comments, "the (cooking) classes are a great way to meet new people and develop a comfort for being in the kitchen." He indicated that the popularity of the classes has taken the inn by surprise. "We thought it would be popular, but we didn't realize we would be filling classes so far in advance with waiting lists."

Part of the popularity has to do with repeat business. Lori O'Brien, a Utica city court worker from Clinton has taken the 4-session class four times. "Each class is a social night out for me - doing something that I'm interested in. I appreciate all of the planning and preparation. Also, it gives me the opportunity to 'travel the world' of international entrees. We've been to North Africa, the Mediterranean, and South America."

Unlike many cooking classes, this one ends up being a social night with complete strangers. By the time the wine has taken effect, it is easy to laugh at how demented your wonton came out. With no grades, no academic warnings, and you can drink heavily during class, why wait for May to graduate? My graduation is this Thursday. Instead of a cane, maybe I'll receive a spatula...

To register for this class, don't contact the Registrar's office; call the O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Inn at 853-2061.

THIS WEEK IN HAMILTON HISTORY

28 YEARS AGO
October 31, 1975

Drinking Problem Noticed on Hill

With the advent of houseparties this weekend, the questions of alcohol and its effects on the college community has once again bubbled into the consciousness of Hill students.

Most are familiar with the extent of drinking as a pasttime on campus, and as Director of Medical Services Dr. William Klingensmith recently confirmed, "there is a tremendous amount of drinking here."

Jeanne Culkin, supervising nurse at the Health Center, said that during her 11 years on the Hill, she saw the problem decrease for a while, but claimed that it is on the rise again.

"It seemed to slow down when Kirkland arrived, but now it's picking up again," she said.

Donald Muilenberg, a clinical psychologist at the Health Center, claimed that extensive drinking activities during college can lead individuals to serious problems in later life, under certain circumstances.

The psychologist blamed the problem on the lack of activities available to students on the Hill. "I have always felt the students would be healthier if there was a little bit of the town closer," he said.

In any event, alcohol is not a problem special to the Hill college community, but it is a leading problem nationally, according to the Health Center staff.

And, said Muilenberg, "there is an acceptance of drinking on the Hill."

Case in point: houseparties.

26 YEARS AGO
October 28, 1977

It's Official: Kirkland Will Finish Year

In a joint statement released yesterday, Presidents Babbitt and Caravano announced that representatives of the two institutions have begun meeting for the purposes of reaching a formal agreement concerning the combining of the colleges into a single coeducational institution by July 1, 1978.

The agreement, which will be presented to the boards of the two colleges "at the earliest possible date," will, according to the presidents' statement, "be binding upon both institutions."

It will be designed to assure the stability of Kirkland's funding and programs and to clarify administrative responsibilities for Kirkland College during the remainder of the 1977-1978 academic year.

11 YEARS AGO
October 25, 1992

Study embraces questions of equity and societies

As the trustees begin the comprehensive study of residential life on the Hill, administrators offered their views on what they and the College as a whole expect to gain from the study, especially in the areas of equity of housing and campus overcrowding.

President Payne said that because Hamilton is a "human institution," no resulting system will be perfect. However, ther pending study "will be approached from many different angles," and the Trustees "are a very open-minded group of people who want to do what's best for the college."

"[The Trustees] will honor [the College's] past and guide it into the future," Payne said.

Regarding the issue of gender equity in housing, one of the recurrent arguments among the student body is that of equal housing opportunities for the College's two sororities, Kappa Delta Omega and Phi Beta Chi.

Payne expressed a reluctance to expand the Greek system, saying that doing so would entail a "dramatic move." Nevertheless, the issue is still open for discussion, he said. "I assume [sorority housing] will be proposed [in the residential life study]."

Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed commented on the pending residential life study saying that "we need as a campus to come to a resolution" on the issue of residential life and the existence of private societies on campus.

"I do think that [continuing] discussion about the fraternity system is as frustrating as the problems we hear about the fraternities. It's imperative to come to a decision," she said.

What you should know about marijuana

by Sharon Hakim '06
SCIENCE WRITER

Marijuana, a green, brown, or gray mixture of dried, shredded leaves similar in appearance to tobacco, originates from the flowers of the cannabis hemp. Its potency depends on the source and quality of the plant. It can be created from leaves, seeds, or setems.

The main function of marijuana is to alter your state of mind or change how your brain operates. Delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the main mind-altering chemical, widens the gaps between nerve cells almost immediately after inhalation, causing a decrease in the transmission of brain impulses. Over time, this decrease can result in speech problems, memory loss, confusion, or the destruction of important brain cells.

When marijuana is used, it enters the blood stream and eventually is stored in the fatty tissues of the body, such as the brain, reproductive organs, liver, and lungs. This occurrence leads to damage over time and can hinder normal body functions. Because of its ability to be stored in tissues, traces of THC can be seen in standard drug tests up two days after inhalation and in urine for up to two months.

While marijuana contains over 400 other chemicals besides THC, THC is the most interesting chemical, as its concentration determines the drugs potency. Since the 1970's, the amount of THC found in the average concentration of marijuana has risen steadily. Ordinary marijuana, on average contains 3 percent THC while Sinsemilla, made from the buds and flowering tops of the female plant, can have an average of 7.5 to 24 percent. Hash oil, the most potent form of marijuana similar in form to tar, contains on average 16-43 percent THC. As a rule, the concentration of THC is what determines the price, with users preferring one "brand" of marijuana over the other because of its percentage of THC.

The most common way to smoke marijuana is through the use of a cigarette, joint, or pipe. Inhalation is similar to that of a cigarette with the user inhaling the drug through their mouth. Using a water pipe, otherwise known as a bong, requires placing the marijuana within a small tube connected to a bottle or vertical tube filled with water. The device vaporizes the pot with the water, creating moisture that can then be inhaled. Sold in stores, bongs can also be made from water bottles or other similar containers.

Marijuana can also be smoked through blunts, cigars that have been emptied of tobacco and re-filled with marijuana. Sometimes containing up to 6 times the regular amount of marijuana, it has also become common to mix the drug with others such as crack or phencyclidine (PCP) to increase the potency. Finally, marijuana can also be ingested, having its strongest effects. Typically this is done by baking the drug into foods such as "hash brownies" or stirred into drinks.

A person under the influence of Marijuana can be easily identified through one of the many telltale symptoms. While the effects vary from person to person, someone high on marijuana might feel dizzy, have trouble walking straight, seem giggly, have bloodshot eyes, or have a hard time remembering events that just happened. After the first batch of effects occurs, the user often becomes very sleepy and tired.

An important idea to note is that the effects of marijuana vary in accordance to many factors, such as the user's previous experience with the drug, the strength of the marijuana, what the user expects to happen, the setting and way it is used, and whether the user has taken any other drugs at the time. Some users feel nothing while others feel relaxed or in a state of "high." Sometimes, marijuana makes users feel thirsty or very hungry, also known as "the munchies."

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Pot, herb, weed, Mary Jane, gangster, and chronic are just some of 200 slang terms for marijuana.

The consequences of using marijuana in combination with alcohol can be very dangerous. Because of the mixed effects of the drugs, not only will the user become sick, it can also seriously impair their judgment when identifying dangerous activities. One such activity to be avoided is known as 'B-40,' when a blunt is smoked with a 40 oz. bottle of malt liquor.

One of the short-term negative effects of pot is its means of causing problems with memory and learning. Distorted perception, trouble thinking, loss of motor coordination, and increased heart rates and anxiety can lead to panic attacks and more serious injuries. Marijuana has also been proved to lead to problems with the respiratory and immune systems. Studies on animals have shown that THC can damage the cells and tissues of your immune systems, allowing a person to get sicker easier. Perhaps most alarming, is the uncertainty of marijuana's role in cancer. Marijuana includes higher amount of the same cancer-causing chemicals found in tobacco. It is suggested that five joints amounts to the equivalent of one pack of cigarettes. Finally, smoking marijuana often leads to coughing, wheezing, and chest colds.

Users who first smoke marijuana and then move on to other, stronger drugs have given marijuana the nickname of a "gateway drug." Studies of high school students have shown that very few use other illegal drugs without first experimenting with pot. Because of its perceived harmlessness, and easy availability, more and more people have been using marijuana and the overall perception of its dangers has fallen over time.

Because of this quasi-acceptance of marijuana into mainstream society, seen not just as a hippie or radical escape, there have been moves towards legalizing marijuana in the United States for medicinal and recreational uses. Users claim that legalizing marijuana will help regulate it, leading to less people becoming sick from smoking modified chemicals thought to be marijuana. Another claim cited is that smoking pot is less addictive and harmful than cigarettes. While research has shown it harder to become addicted to marijuana, it is still possible and no treatments for addictions are currently available.

Legally speaking, since 1970, marijuana has been deemed a level I controlled substance. This means that in its smoked form, it has no legally accepted use. However, while marijuana is illegal under law, THC, manufactured into pill form available by prescription, can be used for treating nausea and vomiting, side effects of cancer treatment. Advocates of this form claim that in pill form, the potency of the THC is reduced. However, as with any medicine, more research on this topic is still being conducted.

Web sites for more information on marijuana

Parents. The Anti Drug.
http://www.theantidrug.com/

National Institute on Drug Abuse
http://www.nida.nih.gov/

News in Brief

by Aram Kudurshian '06
SCIENCE EDITOR

Self destructing DVDs

According to a *Wired* news article, disposable DVDs have been on sale for a little over a month in Illinois, Texas, South Carolina, and Kansas. Advertised by the manufactures, EZ-D, as the "no return, no late fee movie rental," these DVDs have been targeted to movie enthusiasts who dislike video store queues and deadlines.

The DVDs, stored in a vacuum-sealed package, will play for two days, after which a resin on the DVD reacts with the air in the atmosphere to render the DVD unplayable. Currently being used by Buena Vista Home Entertainment, only ten movies are available including recent releases Sweet Home Alabama and Shanghai Knights.

However, the reaction from consumers has been far from enthusiastic, especially since the DVDs are being sold for close to $7 a piece. Quoted in *Wired*, Joseph Pellegrino Jr., a supermarket manager, explained that consumers "think its ridiculous. They won't pay that type of money for something that's going to vaporize." Somewhat ironically, these high priced rentals have been targeted in inner city districts where customers are highly price conscious.

While some consumers are enjoying the benefits, environmentalists are up in arms over the issues surrounding the disposal of the discs. Because of their self-destructive nature, the DVDs tend to be thrown out soon after their purchase, leading environmentalists to be angry of the added waste. A common complaint is that the available methods to recycle the discs are too complicated.

While it is possible for consumers to send the DVDs back, the process of requesting a prepaid envelope or printing their own postage label is seen to be too complicated. Until these issue are resolved, it is evident that most consumers will prefer to visit brick-and-mortar video stores or use Internet rental sites such as *NetFlix*.

NASA asked to delay shuttle replacement

The US House Science Committee has asked that NASA delay its plans for developing and deploying a new generation space shuttle called the orbital space plane (OSP). Designed to act as a 'lifeboat' and link between Earth and the International Space Station, the OSP can seat four astronauts, one more than the current Russian capsule being used to transport goods to the ISS.

The OSP was originally expected to be put into action in 2010, but because of the Columbia accident, the decision to accelerate its development was made, leading to a planned launch in 2008. However, because of the House Science Committee's proposal that the future goals of space flight be subjected to a national debate, this date can easily be pushed back.

New Scientist reports that the letter released this past Monday expressed concerns on the ever-increasing costs at NASA, with the House Science Committee describing the budget as "clearly no longer credible." This comment was in response to the unrealistic cost estimates NASA has put forth since its creation in 1958 by the Eisenhower administration.

A NASA spokesman told *New Scientist* that they were taking the House Science Committee's report very seriously and "are still drafting a response to the letter, which should be ready by the end of the week."

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Movie News: *The Matrix 3*, *Alien*, and *The Human Stain*

Brian Sweeney '06 is back with even more news from the world of film.

The final Matrix movie, *The Matrix Revolutions*, will hit theaters on Wednesday, November 5th—a short five months after the release of the last movie. Many fans of the film were let down by *Reloaded*, so it will be interesting to see how this movie performs. On its opening day, *The Matrix Reloaded* set many box office records, but by the end of the summer *Finding Nemo* and *Pirates of the Caribbean* both outgrossed it. Something went wrong, even if it made an exorbitant amount of money. The prevailing hope for those who were not pleased in May is that the Wachowski brothers saved the goods for the final installment. Whether this is the case will be revealed on Wednesday. This is the final film and there are definitely going to be no sequels so it will be interesting to see how the entire story is wrapped up. Will the ending be satisfying and inventive, or will it be pretentious and confusingly "out there"? See for yourself!

EVERYTHING THAT HAS A BEGINNING HAS AN END
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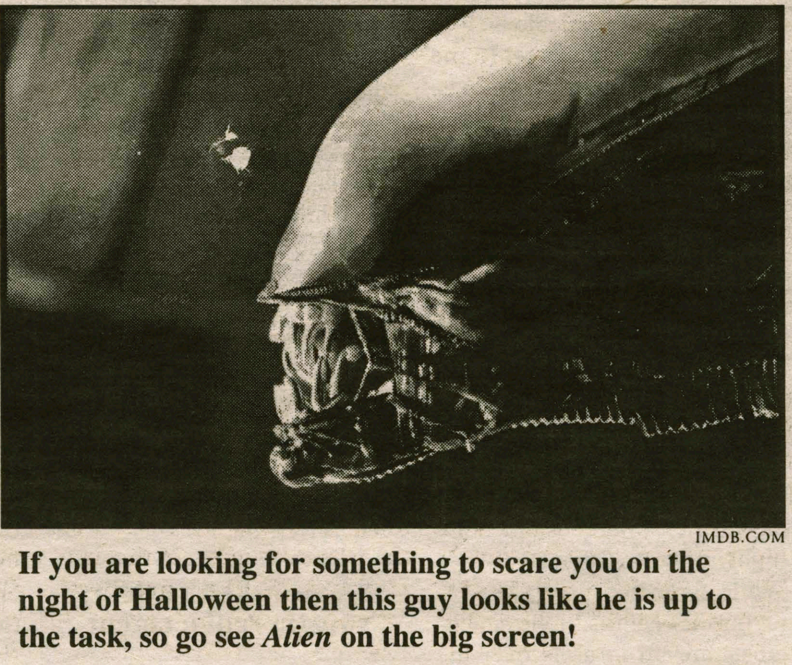
See the final chapter in the *Matrix* trilogy this Wednesday, November 5th.

Today will see the opening of two films that are worth checking out. The first is a new release entitled *The Human Stain*, directed by Robert Benton. It stars Anthony Hopkins, Nicole Kidman, Ed Harris and Gary Sinise. The story concerns a classics professor who has an affair with a younger woman, and in doing so endangers not only his life but those closest to him as well. Also opening is a re-release of Ridley Scott's *Alien*, which has been re-edited and contains new footage. If you are looking for a good movie to watch in theaters for Halloween, then this is certainly a great choice.

In news this week, Spike Jones, the director of *Being John Malkovich* and *Adaptation*, has finally decided to attach himself to a new project. He will be directing a live action adaptation of Maurice Sendak's beloved *Where the Wild Things Are*. There is not much other information on the project besides that. Apparently Tom Hanks' production company was interested in making an animated adaptation, but when that fell through, Jonze snatched it up and is set on making it live action. If that isn't a perfect match of director and source material then I don't know what is. Hopefully, Charlie Kauffman will pen the screenplay.

In other adaptation news, it seems that Darren Aronofsky and screenwriter Richard Kelly will be adapting Kurt Vonnegut's *Cats Cradle* for the big screen. Aronofsky is the director behind *Pi* and *Requiem for a Dream*. Richard Kelly is known for his work on *Donnie Darko*. There is word that Leonardo DiCaprio might star, as his production company is interested in working on the film. While I would usually roll my eyes at the thought of DiCaprio starring in anything, for some reason I didn't this time. Hey, it only took 6 years, but I guess *Catch Me If You Can* was able to wash away the animosity I had for DiCaprio as a result of *Titanic*.

What follows might not be what one would call movie news, but anyone who saw *Bowling for Columbine* would probably be interested to know this: (from imdb.com) "James Nichols, the brother of Terry Nichols, who was convicted on charges of acting as Timothy McVeigh's assistant in the Oklahoma City bombing, has filed a libel suit against Oscar-winning documentary maker Michael Moore. In the suit, Nichols claims that Moore misled him about the purposes of his film, *Bowling for Columbine*, which, he said, "maliciously portrays him as the poster child for what is wrong with America today and falsely accuses him of being one of the perpetrators in the second-worst act of terrorism in the history of the United States." Nichols is seeking damages of $10-20 million on each count."



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If you are looking for something to scare you on the night of Halloween then this guy looks like he is up to the task, so go see *Alien* on the big screen!

And because I'm feeling pretty lazy this week, and because I love *The Simpsons* (though I admit that the show has been terrible for a good five years or so now) and loathe Fox News Channel, I give you the following: (also from imdb.com): "Fox News Channel threatened to sue the producers of *The Simpsons* following an episode that poked fun of the "crawl" items that are superimposed over the channel's newscasts, *Simpsons* creator Matt Groening said during an interview on National Public Radio Tuesday. The Simpsons airs on the Fox television network, a corporate sibling of FNC. "Fox said they would sue the show. And we called their bluff because we didn't think Rupert Murdoch would pay for Fox to sue itself. We got away with it," Groening said. (Among the items on the crawl: "Do Democrats cause cancer? Find out at foxnews.com ... Rupert Murdoch: Terrific dancer ... Dow down 5000 points ... Study: 92 per cent of Democrats are gay ... JFK posthumously joins Republican Party ... Oil slicks found to keep seals young, supple. ..." A spokesman for Fox News denied that it had ever threatened to sue the producers."

This Week's Entertainment: Films in KJ and Original Student Plays in the Barn

If you are looking for something to do this weekend, you will find plenty of things worth checking out on campus.

On Saturday and Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Filius Events Barn, Untitled @ Large will present a series of one act plays written by our very own students. Sasha Kaye had this to say about the event: "The Untitled @ Large One-Acts are all written, directed, produced and performed by Hamilton students. The idea was conceived by Aaron Wilton '03, who put the show together last year. Untitled hopes to continue this tradition every year. We just wanted to give students another opportunity to perform and share their work with the campus in whatever capacity they excel at. This years writers are Sam Hutchinson '05, Megan Spooner '07, Beth Scagnelli '04 and Liz Kennedy '05. Liz and Beth are directing their own shows, but Meg Swertlow '04 is directing Megan's and Erin Voyick '05 is directing Sam's." The following students head Untitled @ Large : Jane Simmons '04, Luke Vaughn '04, Shannon Fitzsimons '05, Gillian Smith '04, Sasha Kaye '05.

On Sunday, November 2nd at 4 p.m. in the KJ Auditorium, the French Department will present Michael Audiard's 2001 film *Read My Lips*. Here is what the Events Calendar on Hamilton's webpage had to say about the event: "Part of the 2003-2004 series of French movies co-sponsored with the Kirkland Art Center. *Read my Lips* is a psychological thriller featuring two loners, a near-deaf secretary and an ex-con, who manipulate one another while trying to take revenge on the corporate world that rejects or uses them. In French with English subtitles." It should be worth checking out!

On Thursday, November 6th at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m in the KJ Auditorium the Emerson Gallery Exhibition Preview Film Series will present Stanley Kubrick's 1968 classic: *2001: A Space Odyssey*. The event is, according to an e-mail sent out by the Gallery: "In preparation for the multi-media exhibition opening December 5, 2003 highlighting 1968--a year of tremendous turmoil and trauma, protest and promise, drugs and despair--the Emerson Gallery, Hamilton College, presents a series of films from the period... These films are supported and sponsored in part by the Dean of the Faculty, Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and the Student Activities Office." Other films in the series being screened are *In the Heat of the Night, Easy Rider,* and *Woodstock: 3 Days of Peace & Music*.

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See 2001: *A Space Odyssey* on Thursday, November 6th in the KJ Auditorium, and enjoy the other entertaining events taking place on campus throughout this weekend!

The Strokes - New Album Reviewed

Doug Lambert '06 returns with his views on the latest to come out of the music industry

The Strokes' debut album divided well-versed musical junkies into two groups: the addicted fans and nay-sayers. They were a band that you either wanted to be in, or wanted to beat up for being so critically acclaimed. For fans and trash-talkers alike, the tension surrounding their sophomore release, *Room on Fire*, was tantamount to the O.J. verdict. Both sides were itching for the chance gloat over how much it rocks or how much it sucks.

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Make sure you listen to the band that Mr. Lambert says has "an incontestable talent to make cool pop music..." But if that doesn't do it for you, well you have to admit all these guys are really just as cute as a button.

Well, it doesn't suck. While The Strokes may not win any converts with these new tunes (once a Creed fan, always a Creed fan), they most definitely will please the fans, and perhaps get a few new listeners hooked on their style. *Room on Fire* rocks because it maintains the same standards that gave *Is This It* the likeness to a breath of fresh air.

Musically, it's another day at the office, only with a lot more drinking and a thrift store dress code. Drummer Fab Moretti continues to conduct what has always been a rhythm band. The dueling guitar riffs of Al Hammond and Nick Valensi intertwine perfectly and the bass lines of quiet-guy Nickolai Fraiture still retain that caffeinated Motown feel. Most importantly, Julian Casablancas keeps the image of the enigmatic frontman who's suffered a thousand heartbreaks. Only this time around, you really feel the pain.

On *Is This It,* his attitude was "I'm leaving girl; you're no good for me." On *Room on Fire*, his lyrics wield more a sense of "You left me girl, and it hurts." He's abandoned his drunken apathy towards women and replaced it with anguish that benefits the songwriting as well the melodies. The opening track "Whatever Happened" has his voice absolutely crooning "I wanna be forgotten" in the first fifteen seconds, and ends with the lyric "I've got you to let me down." You feel his pain in the same way that you feel Chris Martin's on the last Coldplay record, minus Martin's wet-blanket factor. *Room On Fire* legitimizes Casablancas' lyrics in ways that *Is This It* never quite did. But rather than cry into your pillow, your impulse is more a desire to raise your glass and say, "Damn Julian, I feel your pain."

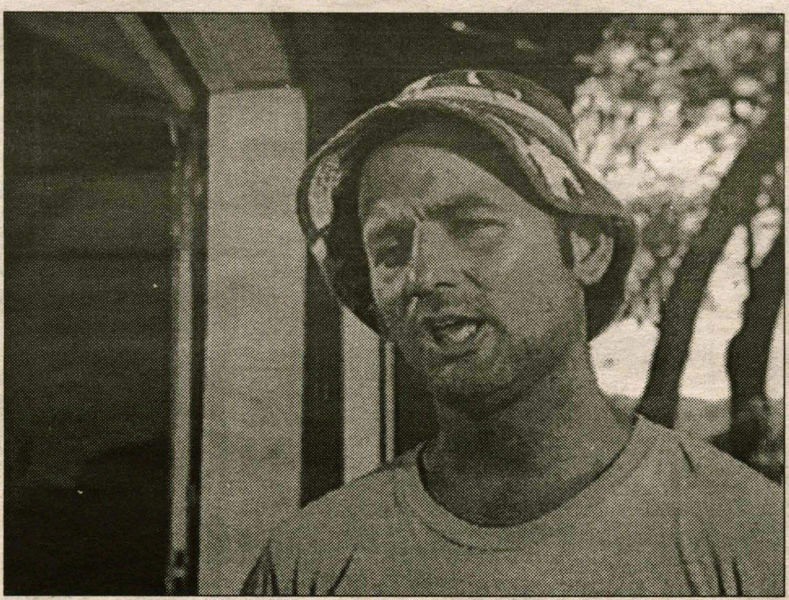
The band has also delved into reggae rock in "Automatic Stop" and "Between Love and Hate," as well gorgeous Elvis-like balladry with "Under Control." The first single of the album "12:51" vaguely describes the band's ascension to fame as Casablancas sings, "the world is shutting up for us/is it the stage I want?" Musically it allows the listener to practically envision a drunken raucous, with feel-good guitar licks tweaked to sound like a synthesizer, unison clapping during the chorus, and the ever so sweet lyric "we can go and get forties, f*ck going to that party."

The album's 35-minute running time impacts without a hint of exhaustion. Not only does the new material sound fresh, but it sounds as if the band itself really enjoys what they're doing. The Strokes know they have an incontestable talent to make cool pop music, and they completely embody that talent without sounding bored. *Room On Fire* won't change the face of rock anymore than *Is This It* did, but it makes for a ripping good listen, and leaves you wanting more, more, more. Rating: 9/10

Favorites Column: *Caddyshack*

Whit Rothe '05 tells you about one of his favorite films

In the wake of such recent movies as *Old School* and *School of Rock* that have brought the genre of comedy to a whole new level, it is fitting to pay tribute to the classics that pioneered smart dialogue and slapstick. Forget Chaplin, Keaton, and Laurel and Hardy, I am talking about 1980's *Caddyshack*. Written and directed by Harold Ramis (*Animal House*, *National Lampoon's Vacation*, *Ghostbusters*, *Analyze This*, this guy has done everything!), *Caddyshack* has been one of those movies that, after two decades, is finally beginning to recieve its due as a cinematic classic.



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Holmes vs. Dr. Moriarty, Batman vs. The Joker, Vader vs. Skywalker....Murray vs. Gopher

As is the case with most comedies, the plot is pretty much incidental to the film itself. In this case, it's centered on a young caddy named Danny Noonan (Michael O' Keefe) who can't afford to go to college, so he is forced to suck up to the head of the country club, Judge Smails (Ted Knight), in an effort to get his blessing for a caddy scholarship. His golf mentor is the drugged out millionaire Ty Webb (Chevy Chase) who's into "Zen golf" and gives Danny advice like "Be the ball" and "A donut with no hole is a Danish". To complicate matters, real estate developer Al Czervik (Rodney Dangerfield) shows up with his entourage. From the beginning, the expansive, profane, boorish Czervik clashes with the anal, rigid, and tantrum-prone Smails. The dynamics between Dangerfield and Knight are absolutely priceless and produce the films most memorable scenes to say the least. And, finally, there is the groundskeeper Carl Spackler, played masterfully by Bill Murray. The film follows poor Spackler's attempts at killing this one gopher that always eludes him. He grows increasingly frustrated and starts using more extreme measures as the film continues. In the end, Danny's college problem, Smails and Czervik's conflict, and Spackler's fight with the gopher collide into one large explosion (literally!).

Sounds pretty stupid on paper, right? Well it is stupid, and it is stupidity to perfection. Believe it or not, what makes *Caddyshack* so great is the incredible cast and the first rate script. Rodney Dangerfield and Chevy Chase get the most recognition for their contributions to this film. Bill Murray is one of the most underrated comedic actors of the last 25 years, and it is fantastic that he is finally getting the credit he deserves for *Lost in Translation*. However, it is Ted Knight who shines through in this movie by playing the ultimate straight man. His Judge Smails is just an absolute pleasure to watch as he is tormented by Ty's eccentric behavior and Czevik's taunts because he takes it all so seriously. As for the writing, the dialogue is just fantastically funny. Ramis gives each character a unique perspective and doesn't cheat for laughs: the comedy flows effortlessly with impeccable timing.

I will never understand why movies like *Caddyshack* never get the full credit they deserve. Maybe they don't have anything life-altering to say and they are formulaic, but they are damn funny, so the movie snobs can shove it!

Do you have a favorite movie, television show, book, play, album, or artist?

We want anybody on campus who loves a work of art to just sit down and write about what it is about that work that resonates with them (review it - don't summarize!). It could be just a few paragraphs or over a 1000 words on the subject - it doesn't matter!

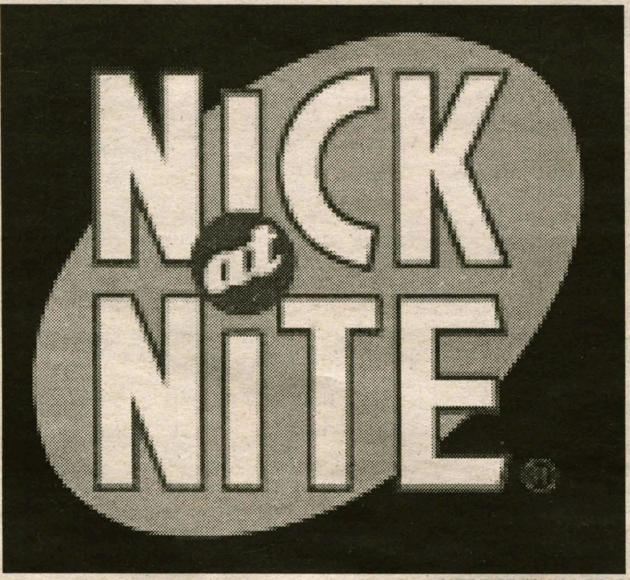
Write something and send it to either bsweeney, bgreensp or pkhanna. This is open to EVERYONE - students, professors, workers, the fine folks at Bon Appetit - anyone!

The author of the 13th 500+ word article that we recieve will win a free standard priced (no box sets) DVD of their choice! **Seriously.**

Nick at Nite: Age Barometer

Megan Semerod '06 discusses the aging of our generation's television programs

When I was younger, the greatest punishment my parents could inflict on me was a suspension of my *Full House* viewing rights. Nothing would make me more penitent than a threat of withholding my weekly dose of Kimmy Gibbler, DJ, Stephanie, baby Michelle, Danny, Jesse and Joey. I was a faithful viewer until the season finale when *Full House* made T.G.I.F. (The prime time ABC line up on a Friday night.) Even when *Full House* joined the syndicated cycle, it was easy to find myself getting wrapped up in re-runs at six o'clock in the evening.



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Remember the days when only your parents' television shows were on Nick at Nite? Those days are over.

I was very surprised one night, while flipping through the channels, to find *Full House* on Nick at Night. Nick at Night is supposed to be home to all the old re-runs of shows that parents talk about when life was easier and more innocent. Imagine my shock when the thought "those were the days" went through my head as I saw that Nick at Night now included my nostalgic past. As I sat down to watch, that old Friday night feeling began to set in.

Everyone has a little piece of a closet *Full House* fan in them. While it's amusing to mock the obvious cheesiness of all problems being solved in 30 minutes, don't we secretly wish that Daddy Danny could figure it all out, Jesse could sing to us, and Joey could make us laugh? When Joey actually visited campus last year, I could barely look at him. I wasn't ready to admit that he was an actor/comedian and not really my favorite family's best friend/nanny.

The "baby" of the family, who we now know are twins, are acting(?) in their own shows and promoting everything from makeup and clothes to videos. Secretly, I want them to remain Michelle-learning to walk and talk and continually being carried around as the family's antics roll on. If I put my mind to it (and I can't imagine why I would want to do this) I could probably sit and list all of the episodes. I remember because, in many ways, I lived those episodes too. We have all had a friend like Kimmy Gibbler, a relative who solves a problem better than a parent sometimes, a crush that crashes, and the need to just laugh at ourselves. Sitcoms give us a chance to remember that. In many ways, *Full House* and the *Cosby Show* are to me what *The Brady Bunch*, *Leave it to Beaver*, *Donna Reed*, and *Father Knows Best* were to my parents.

The attraction is not that it creates a vision of a world we wished we had, but it reminds me of all those Fridays when no matter how good or bad the week was, I could sit with family or friends and pretend that none of that mattered.

It is not merely an escape; it is the antidote for too much reality sometimes. No matter how skeptical, check it out. I'll be watching for the episode when the cool girls shun DJ.

BUSH CORNER

The following quote is from Al Franken's new book "LIES and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right." It's a very funny book and definitely worth the read - pick it up!

From Chapter 30, "Fun with Racism," page 259:

"George W. Bush was the beneficiary of affirmative action. In more ways then we'll probably ever know. He got into Yale after a lackluster career at Andover. What people don't realize is that, like the University of Michigan, Yale had a point system when Bush applied in 1964. George W. received five points for being the grandson of an extremely important Yale graduate, who was a U.S. senator and a Yale trustee, and a point for being a cheerleader at Andover. He almost didn't make it, though, because he lost ten points for showing up drunk to the interview. Fortunately, he got thirty points for being a Bush with over a 920 on his SATs, and he slipped through."

The following is not from George W. Bush so it technically doesn't belong in "Bush Corner" but we feel it's worth reading nonetheless. This quote comes from none other than Senator Trent Lott.

"Honestly, it's a little tougher than I thought it was going to be," Lott said. In a sign of frustration, he offered an unorthodox military solution: "If we have to, we just mow the whole place down, see what happens. You're dealing with insane suicide bombers who are killing our people, and we need to be very aggressive in taking them out."

- Senator Trent Lott

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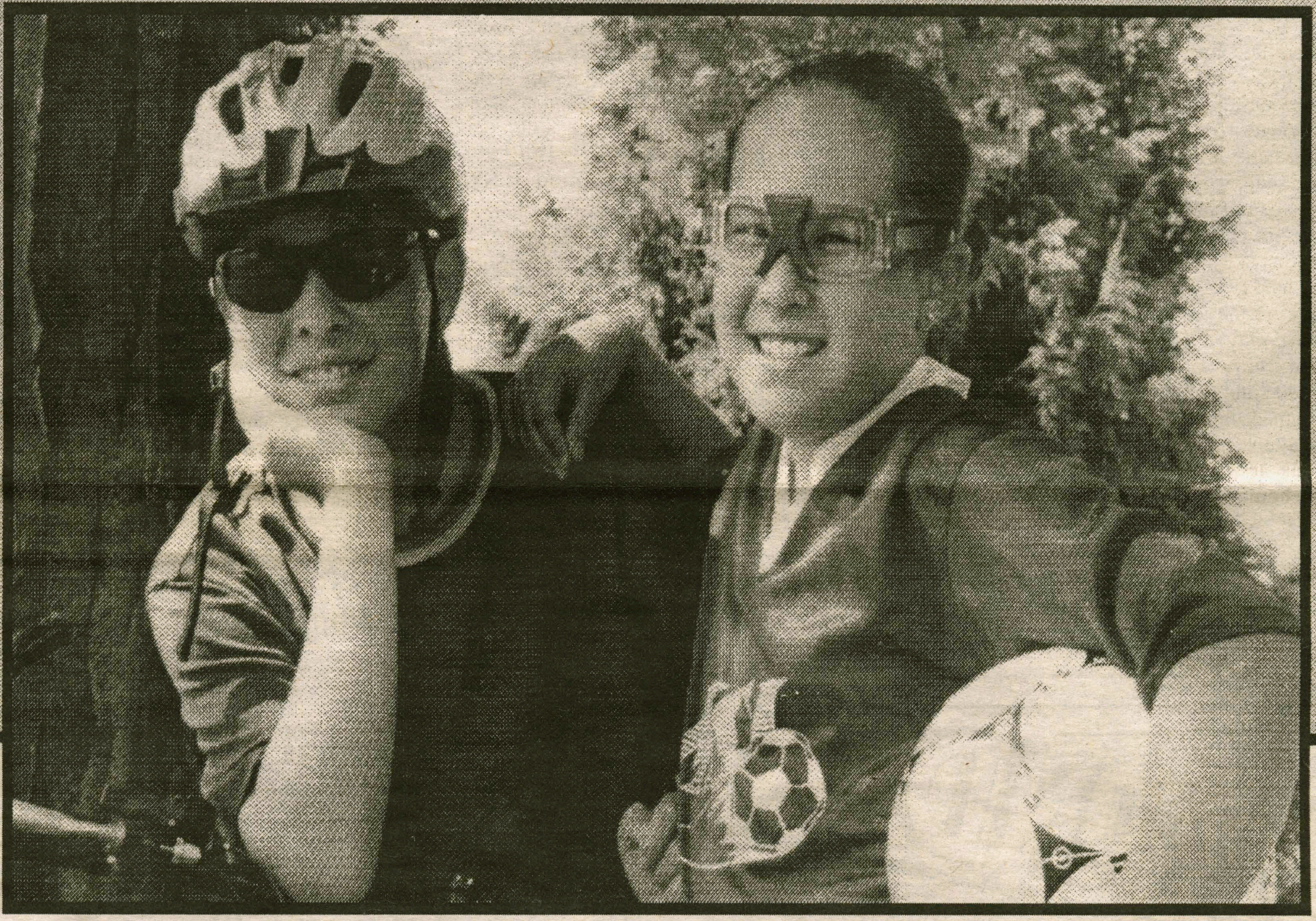

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Men's soccer clinches second seed in UCAA's

Continentals tie Skidmore, 1-1, and come from behind to beat Union 3-2

by Will Hoffman '07
SPORTS WRITER

KIM WALKER '07

The soccer team is hard at work preparing for its final game of the season against Geneseo and the UCAA Tournament at Skidmore.

Last week the men's soccer team was put to the test with two difficult games on the road. The Continentals (10-2-1, 5-1-1) needed to do well in these games to advance to the UCAA Playoffs. They first tied Skidmore in a hard-fought battle, and then came from behind to beat Union 3-2 and clinch the No. 2 seed in the upcoming UCAA Playoffs.

Last Friday, Hamilton traveled to Skidmore in a showdown of two teams vying for a playoff spot. Skidmore came out of the gates quickly, tallying a goal just 33 seconds into the game. But Mike Galante '04 scored his first goal of the year on a free kick, tying the game with 15 minutes left in the first half. Although both teams had scoring opportunities in the second half and overtime, neither team could put one away.

Hamilton held a slight 19-17 edge in shots, but the defenses on both teams played tough throughout the game. Goalies Greg Zalasky '04 and Anthony Tripicchio '06 made three saves each for Hamilton, and Rollie Kielman made 10 saves for Skidmore.

The tie dropped Skidmore to 2-2-1 in the UCAA and set them up in a battle against Union and Vassar for the final of four playoff spots.

The Continentals had no time to recover from the Skidmore game, as they traveled to play Union the following day. Hamilton again fell behind early on a goal by Union in the ninth minute. Ten minutes later Bob Barrowman '07 tied the game when he scored on a feed from Nikle Guzijan '06, making it 1-1 going into halftime. But Union struck again early in the second half and took a 2-1 lead against the Continentals.

Hamilton's Zach Kelly '07 evened the score at 2 apiece in the 73rd minute on an assist from Pat Suarez '07. Just 1 minute, 32 seconds later, Suarez picked up his second assist of the game, feeding Cyrus Philbrick '05 for the game-winning goal.

With the win, Hamilton improved its record to 5-1-1 in conference and clinched the No. 2 seed in the UCAA Playoffs and a match-up against No. 3 seeded Hobart. The Continentals played an evenly matched game against Hobart (4-2-1) on Love Field Oct. 4th, and won 2-1 in overtime on a goal by Dimitry Maurice '04.

"Hobart is one of those teams that no one wants to play," said Coach Perry Nizzi. "They have gotten really hot at times this year and they are a complete team...explosive offense and strong defense. We know we can play with anybody but every game is close, especially when it's a playoff game."

The Playoffs will be held at St. Lawrence, the No. 1 seed, and will feature St. Lawrence, Hamilton, Hobart, and either Union, Skidmore, or Vassar. The winner earns an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. That bid is very important to the Continentals, since only four teams in the nation get at-large bids for the tournament.

If Hamilton can get past Hobart in the semifinal game on Nov. 8th, they would likely play St. Lawrence in the championship the next day.

"The guys would love to play in the championship game," said Nizzi. "We've played some of the best soccer of the year this past week on the road. We know we can play with any team; we'll just have to see what happens."

Hamilton has one final game before the start of the playoffs next weekend, a non-conference match-up at Geneseo Nov. 1. Although the game doesn't affect the seeding for the playoffs, the Continentals must beat Geneseo and then win their semifinal game against Hobart to have a chance at an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament, should they not win the UCAA tournament.

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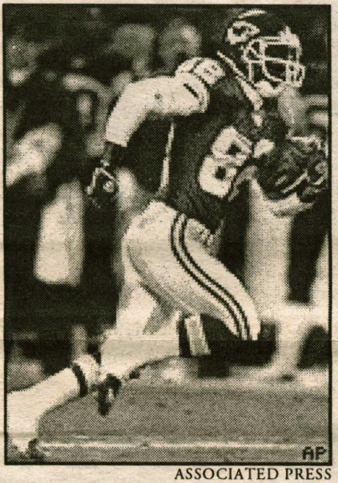
NFL midseason hardware: who's the MVP?

by Michael Proia '05
SPORTS EDITOR

We're through eight weeks of NFL action, and its time to hand out some mid-season hardware. The season has been exciting so far, with no bigger story than the undefeated Kansas City Chiefs. The Chiefs have only two remaining games against teams with winning records, and one of those teams is the banged up Broncos. So come week 17 we could be talking about the first ever 16-0 team. As for the rest of the teams and players, let's take a look at the ones who have impressed so far.

MVP: Steve McNair, Tennessee Titans. "Air" McNair has busted out in a big way this season. McNair has the third best quarterback rating despite dislocating a finger on his throwing hand early in the season. He plays hurt almost every week and completes passes that no other QB's can. The Titans are winning games because of his toughness. Without McNair, they are ordinary, with him, they are a Super Bowl favorite. McNair finally looks like the dominant player he was while torching defenses at Alcorn State.



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Dante Hall (82) has electrified audiences this year with his lightning quick feet and perfect sprinting form.

Runner-up: Dante Hall. The "human joystick" has busted two kick returns for game winning touchdowns. Without Hall, Kansas City would not be undefeated. He impacts games in a way that no other player can because other teams are afraid to let him touch the ball and surrender field position just to avoid him.

Offensive Player of the Year: Priest Holmes, Kansas City Chiefs; Randy Moss, Minnesota Vikings. Holmes leads the NFL with 12 touchdowns. He has rushed for nearly 800 yards and is one of the best receiving backs in the league. Kansas City's offense starts and ends with the saintly savior named Priest. Moss leads all receivers in yards and touchdowns and has finally put it all together on the practice field and in the games. The Chiefs and Vikings are 13-1 this year, no doubt because if the efforts of the two giants among men.

Defensive Player of the Year: Simeon Rice, Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Rice is tied for the NCF lead with eight sacks in addition to 23 tackles, three forced fumbles, two interceptions, and weekly beatings to QB's. Tampa Bay's defense has had two shutouts this season; every great defense needs great men in the trenches, and Rice has anchored a banged up defensive unit all year.

Offensive Rookie of the Year: Anquan Boldin, Arizona Cardinals. Boldin hasn't done much since his career opening ten catches, 217 yards and two touchdowns on opening day, but who cares? He still leads all rookies in yards from scrimmage, and ranks sixth in the NFL in receiving yards per game.

Defensive Rookie of the Year: Eugene Wilson, New England Patriots; Nick Barnett, Green Bay Packers. Wilson played cornerback during his college career before being moved to free safety in the second week of the season in New England. The Patriots lost 31-0 on opening day, and then Wilson changed everything. Since his first start, New England has held opponents to fourteen points per game, and they have only allowed one touchdown in the last three games. Wilson has 31 tackles and a team leading three interceptions.

Barnett has 60 tackles, two sacks and two interceptions while playing middle linebacker for the Green Bay Packers. Rarely can a rookie start at middle linebacker, but Barnett has been the best defensive player on a disappointing Packers team this year.

Coach of the Year: Bill Parcells, Dallas Cowboys; Bill Belichick, New Engald Patriots. The Dallas Cowboys have not won more than five games in any of the last three years, but after just seven games they have put five in the win column this year. Parcells has inspired the team to believe that they can win every game. Everyone was set to give the Tuna two or three years to turn this team around, but he didn't need that long. The Cowboys have a tough schedule in the second half, so look for them to fall a bit, but anything more than seven wins this year and Parcells will take home the postseason hardware.

Meanwhile, former Parcells disciple, Belichick, has done what all the experts said couldn't be done, get the New England Patriots to play for him this year. Belichick cut Lawyer Milloy five days before the start of the season and then watched his team get humiliated 31-0 by Milloy's new team, the Buffalo Bills. During the game the Pats lost top free agent off-season acquisition Rosevelt Colvin for the year. The pats have since lost: Mike Vrabel, Ted Johnson, Ted Washington, Mike Compton, Ty Law, Willie Miginest, Kevin Faulk, David Patten, Antoine Smith, Fred McCrary and Antowain Smith for extended periods of time. All of these players were projected starters. Despite all the losses, Belichick has coached his team to a 6-2 record and first place in its division. Not many coaches could get their teams to overcome that many injuries, and Belichick deserves the recognition.

Best team: Kansas City Chiefs. 8-0, and that's all that matters.

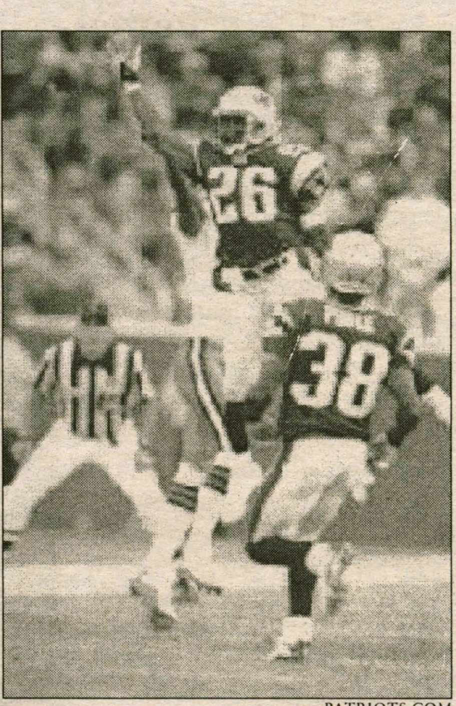
Worst team: San Diego Chargers. Did you see Monday Night Football this week? Just an embarrassment from Schottenheimer's boys. Marty has coached one team to a losing record in 18 years as a head coach, but this will surely be his worst team ever. 1-6, and falling fast.

Biggest surprise team: Cincinnati Bengals. Cincinnati is 3-4 this year, one game out of first place in their division. They take on Kansas City next weekend, and don't be surprised if that game goes down to the wire.

Biggest disappointment: Oakland Raiders. The Super Bowl hangover has dragged this team to a 2-5 start and don't expect them to rebound. The team is the oldest in the NFL and age is a major issue. And don't be surprised when Marcus Tuiasosopo does more with that offense than Rich Gannon was doing to this point.

Play of the Year: Dante Hall's 93-yard punt return. The Chiefs were down 23-17 to Denver halfway through the 4th quarter when Hall backed up to his own six to receive a punt. Hall ran around inside his own ten for several seconds, juking defenders until he broke for the left sidelines and bolted up the sidelines giving KC the lead and the 24-23 win.

First runner up: Joe Jurevicius' touchdown catch against Philedelphia on opening day. Jurevicios ran into the endzone, then curled back to the for the ball with a defender at his back. He tipped the ball up into the air, behind his head, and spun away from the defender. Jurevicios dove into the front corner of the endzone catching the ball as he hit the ground for a touchdown.



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NFL quarterbacks are quickly learning not to throw towards Patriots rookie safety Eugene Wilson (26).

Second runner-up: Randy Moss and Moe Williams hook-and-ladder play to end the half. Moss ran a deep curl pattern to the Denver's fifteen yard line with no time remaining on the clock, and Culpepper hit him with a high pass. Moss had three defenders on his back and as they dragged him to the ground he made a behind his head toss to Moe Williams who scampered in for an easy seven. Apparently the season of pro-basketball paid off for Moss, pulling off the Harlem Globetrotters pass in the clutch.

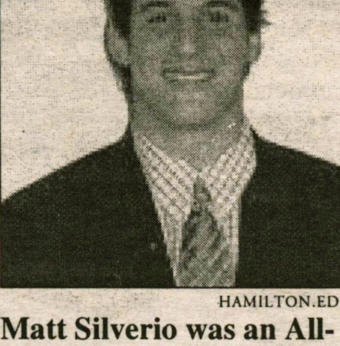
So that's the best (and worst) of the season so far. Let's hope the second half can live up to the first half, and be sure to check back in come January when all the hardware that counts will be awarded.

Major League Lacrosse team drafts Silverio '03

Hamilton graduate drafted in the seventh round by the Anaheim Storm

The following information was compiled and written by Jim Taylor, Sports Information Director at Hamilton College. It is used courtesy of hamilton.edu, and the sports information office.

Former Hamilton College men's lacrosse All-American Matt Silverio '03 was drafted by the Anaheim Storm of the National Lacrosse League (NLL) in the seventh round of the league's 2003 Entry Draft on Oct. 25.



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Matt Silverio was an All-American at Hamilton.

Silverio was the 70th overall pick in the draft and one of just six players drafted from an NCAA Division III program. He led Hamilton to the 2003 NCAA Division III quarterfinals and finished his college career as the Continentals' all-time leader in points and goals. He scored 219 goals and added 62 assists in his four-year career.

The All-American attackman tallied 72 goals and assisted on 22 others last year. Silverio's 72 goals tied him for most in the nation in 2003 and led to a United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA) Second Team All-American selection. Silverio was also selected to play in the USILA North-South All-Star Game.

Silverio was Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Upstate New York Region Player of the Year and Upstate Collegiate Athletic Association (UCAA) Co-Player of the Year in 2003. He was UCAA Player of the Year in 2002, was named First Team All-UCAA all four years, and was the conference's Rookie of the Year in 2000. Silverio was also a two-time First Team ECAC Upstate New York Region selection at attack during his career.

Silverio is the first Hamilton College men's lacrosse player to be drafted by a professional lacrosse league. The Storm is starting its first season in Anaheim. The organization started in New Jersey in 2002.

Women's soccer upsets undefeated Union, 1-0

Lady Continentals clinch spot in UCAA Playoffs; enter tournament with positive momentum

by Michael Proia '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The women's soccer team carried its positive momentum over from last week into the weekend as they pulled the upset of the season, stunning previously undefeated Union College 1-0. Union (14-1-1) entered the game as the fifth ranked team in the nation, and first in the NCAA New York Regional rankings. The Lady Continentals (8-3-2) clinched a UCAA playoff berth with the victory.

Hamilton defeated Skidmore (5-6-1) 2-0 on Friday night behind Sarah Felder '07's goal and assist.

The game against Union went exactly as planned for Hamilton. The game was scoreless until the thirty-fourth minute when Eileen Fisher '07 caught Union goalkeeper Julie Gawronski out of position and lifted a long ball from midfield over the head of the keeper. At 33:44, Hamilton had the one beak they needed to take down an undefeated powerhouse. Jen Munoz '04 and the Hamilton defense made the lead last for sixty minutes, holding Union to seven shots on net in the game.

KIM WALKER '07

Martha Ollett (11) scored Hamilton's first goal in a 5-3 win over Elmira in Hamilton's final home game of the season on Wednesay afternoon.

Union had a good chance to tie the game halfway through the second half, when a Union player headed the ball on net only to see Munoz leap up and tip the ball over the crossbar and out of play.

Hamilton only managed two shots on goal for the game, but the defensive-minded Continentals did all they needed to for the win. The shutout for Munoz marked her third in a row, and seventh overall.

The win on Saturday came on the heels of the 2-0 win over Skidmore on Friday afternoon. After a scoreless first half, Felder fed Elizabeth Roberts '06 at the top of the box; Roberts spun, and fired a shot to the upper right corner for a 1-0 Hamilton lead at 49:13. Hamilton didn't waste any time in increasing the lead, scoring just two minutes later. Dropkin-Frank crossed the ball into Felder who one-timed a strike to the back of the net.

Once again, the story of the game was Hamilton's defense, which did not allow a shot on net in the game. Hamilton is allowing just .62 goals per game, while averaging 1.69 goals per game.

On Wednesday October 29, Hamilton played its final home game against Elmira (11-3-3). Rainy weather created a sloppy field. The tough conditions didn't help the goalies, but the offensive players weren't complaining. Hamilton won 5-3 behind Dropkin-Frank's two goals.

Martha Ollett '07 gave Hamilton a 1-0 lead with her first goal of the year coming in the 24th minute. The goal was scored on a rebound of a low Fisher shot that was saved. Elmira struck back ten minutes later to tie the game at 1-1, but the tie was short-lived as Fisher netted a goal for the Continentals fourteen seconds after Elmira's score.

Dropkin-Frank scored the first of her goals in the 62nd minute, giving Hamilton a 3-1 lead, and added her second five minutes later. Kristine Cupertino '07 capped Hamilton's scoring with a goal in the 72nd minute on an assist from Fisher. Dropkin-Frank leads the team with six goals, just ahead of Fisher, who has five.

Munoz got her first rest of the season when she exited her final home game with a 5-1 lead and twenty minutes remaining. Quinn Snellings '07, who made a pair of saves in support of Munoz's victory, replaced her.

The Continentals close out their season November 2 on the road against Manhattanville College.

Three Hamilton players were honored for their efforts last weekend. Fisher was named UCAA Offensive Performer of the Week. Munoz earned her third Defensive Performer of the Week, and Felder was named Rookie of the Week for the second consecutive week. Munoz also won the ECAC Division III Goalkeeper of the Week award for her pair of shutouts.

Miscues lead football to loss to Williams, 40-14

Ephs outscore Continentals 26-0 in the second quarter, seven points coming from the defense

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS EDITOR

The men's football team lost to William's College last Saturday, 40-14. Inconsistencies on offense, breakdowns on the defensive side of the ball, and poor execution on offensive and defensive plays led to the defeat. The Ephs dominated the Continentals throughout, but especially in the second quarter where Williams scored twenty-six points.

Even though the Continental's offense is ranked in the top half of most categories in NESCAC play, poor execution and missed blocks never enabled quarterback Brandon Holtslag '06 to get any type of offensive flow. Holtslag was a dismal 8-22, with 103 yards passing and no touchdowns.

The running game however, enjoyed some success. Between James Trummer '06, Tom Tidgewell '07, David Greenky '07, and Holtslag, the Continentals gained over 100 yards rushing. Hamilton also enjoyed the reemergence of Rob "the Bulldozer" Kuchar, who busted through the line for nine yards on two carries.

Quarterback Brandon Holstalg talked about the struggles with the offense:

"Last week against Williams we could not get anything going against the defense, they were overpowering us in the beginning and then I was getting too jumpy back there and starting moving a lot in the pocket and could not get things going."

Defensively, the Continentals struggled even more. Hamilton's defense allowed an uncharacteristic 519 yards of total offense from the Ephs, which included allowing almost 300 yards on the ground.

Peter Simon '05 led the Conts in tackles with 16, while Michael Murphy '05 and Steve Finazzo '05 had twelve and eleven tackles respectively.

Defensive back Steve "Franchise" Finazzo had some comments about the defensive struggles:

"Overall in the first half we just didn't really want it. It was a lack of effort for the most part. Their fulback was a load and was good for at least five every time he got the ball. Our pass defense didn't step up in some crucial situations that could have gotten us off the field.

"They didn't do anything special, but they executed and wanted it more than we did in the first half. We had our chances for turnovers but just couldn't capitalize. It has really been bothering a lot of the guys when talking about what we did wrong but it comes down to the effort. That is what coach has been stressing all week so far."

The Continentals travel to Middlebury for the annual rocking chair game. If the Conts get a victory, they get to take a rocking chair back that Middlebury has had in the their possession for over seven straight years.

Matt Baldwin '05 had some thoughts on what Hamilton needed to be successful this weekend:

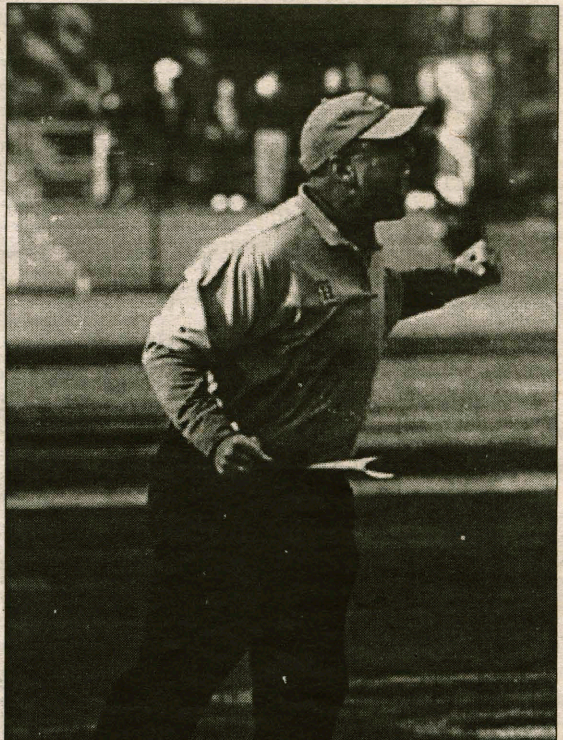
"Middlebury is nearly 2 to 1 passing, so we need a real solid game from our safeties and corners. They are going to try and air it out on us and get it to their best wide outs and we have to stop that from happening.

"We also need to get a solid pass rush and get their o-line on their heals so we can get some sacks and disrupt their quarterback's timing on his passes. When he gets flustered he makes bad decisions, so if we can get him scrambling we will definitely have a much greater shot at shutting their offense down completely."

Captain Sam Bowlby realizes the importance of this game:

"It's hard to put into words how important this game is. It's the most important game I'll ever play in my life. There's just so much riding on it. We've made it the focal point of our season.

"Every year, our alums are going to make it to this game. There will probably be a couple hundred former players there. We need to prove to them that we've turned the program around. Most importantly, we need to bring the chair home. We haven't had it for about eight years. It's time. I'll be the happiest and proudest guy in the country if I'm sitting in that chair on Saturday afternoon."



NICK LUND '05

Coach Alvanos had little to be happy about after Hamilton's loss to Williams.